

Tories win overall majority of 144

Sotheby's unveils its secret suitor

All the election results

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Mr Gerry Adams last year under the Prevention of Terrorism Act (Ulster polls, page 2).

An early contest between Dr David Owen and Mr Roy Jenkins, to head the SDP in parliament, looks a strong possibility.

Thatcher Cabinet reshuffle expected tonight

Day in the life of the winner

After leading the Conservatives to the most decisive election success of any party since 1945, Mrs Margaret Thatcher was planning the reconstruction of her administration by midday yesterday.

By Julian Haviland, Political Editor

STATE OF PARTIES

Table showing Gains, Losses, and Total for Conservative, Labour, Alliance, and Others parties.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher emphasized yesterday through-out her day of triumph her awareness of the responsibility inherent in the power given her by the Government's landslide majority.

At every opportunity during a marathon day when her famous stamina and nerve amazed even her closest friends and advisers, she was at pains to make clear that her return to Downing Street with an immensely enhanced authority would not signal a sharp rightward shift in the Government.

But Mrs Thatcher also made it plain that she now sees her Government extending well into the 1990s. At a private meeting with her staff at Conservative Central Office yesterday morning, Mrs Thatcher told them to start work straightaway on winning the next general election, adding: "We must aim to win every by-election between now and then."

Mrs Thatcher, who had been up before 7am on a polling day, went right through till 5.30am yesterday before going to bed, and then rose again at 8am.

She set the tone for many of her later remarks after the declaration of her Finchley result at 2.50am. She said then that she approached her second term with "a great sense of responsibility and humility".

Arriving at Conservative headquarters at 3.50am, Mrs Thatcher said: "We are very conscious of the burden of responsibility that rests on us. We have to remember that all power is a trust and we must exercise it in that way."

After her brief sleep, the Prime Minister faced a hectic schedule of broadcasts and consultations with colleagues. Interviewed by Sir Robin Day on the BBC at about 11am, she said: "Power is a trust. When you get a big result like that... you have to be even more careful the way you use that trust and the way you use that responsibility."

Threequarters of an hour later Mrs Thatcher was back at Conservative Central Office thanking some 200 staff for a "most fantastic operation". She confided to them that her worst moment of the night had come on hearing that the party had

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The result of the general election of June 9 became known shortly after six o'clock yesterday evening when the Conservatives won the new seat of Hyndburn, Lancashire, by only 21 votes from Labour after five recounts.

The Conservatives' overall majority in the enlarged 650-member House of Commons will be 144 seats, only two fewer than that achieved by Labour under Mr Clement Attlee in 1945.

Labour's total number of seats, 209, is their smallest since the parliament elected in 1924. A profoundly depressed Mr Michael Foot, whose colleagues all expect him to lay down the leadership in the autumn, made no public comment. But in private, to workers at Labour's London headquarters, he spoke of the Conservatives' "deeply reactionary and offensive campaign" and accused the Social Democrats of "unforgivable treachery" towards Labour.

The Social Democrats in alliance with the Liberals had indeed done Labour great harm, taking a quarter of the national vote to let Conservatives in on minority votes in scores of seats.

It was the strongest showing by a centre party since 1923, but the reward of the Alliance in seats was as disproportionate as ever. The Liberals held 17 seats in the new Parliament, against 13 in the old. The Social

Jenkins may face Owen challenge

By Craig Seton, Michael Kuipe and John Winder

An early contest for the leadership of what is left of the Social Democratic Party in Parliament was a strong prospect last night. Dr David Owen, MP for Dewport, refused to rule out the possibility of a poll between him and Mr Roy Jenkins.

Dr Owen's position in the party is judged to have been considerably enhanced by his strong national campaign and his outstanding personal victory at Devonport at a time when Mr Jenkins was criticized for his leadership role.

Dr Owen told The Times last night that the leadership was first a matter for Mr Jenkins to decide. "He has been elected leader and it is up to him whether he wants to continue. I would want to talk to other SDP MPs even though there are not many of us."

[Those last two sentences draw attention to the constitution of the SDP which provides that the elected leader should remain in office until he or she ceases to be an MP, resigns from office, ceases to be a member of the SDP, or more than half SDP MPs support a resolution calling for an election. To initiate an election under that last provision would need the support of all but two parliamentary members of the party.]

However, Dr Owen made it clear that Mr Jenkins's resignation from the office was not necessarily the only way in

Foot opens talks on his future

By Anthony Bevins Political Correspondent

Mr Michael Foot yesterday began consultation with senior Labour figures about the future leadership of the party.

A meeting of the Shadow Cabinet next week, to be followed by fresh elections for a new Shadow Cabinet by the new 209-strong parliamentary party, will provide the ideal opportunity for Mr Foot to make his intentions clear.

It was suggested last night that he might choose to make a statement by the time the Commons reconvenes, for the election of Speaker, next Wednesday, that he would not be standing for reelection at the party conference next October.

Such a statement would give the new Labour MPs the chance to use the Shadow Cabinet ballot as a primary poll, picking their prize contenders for the leadership ahead of the closing date for nominations on July 15.

The favourites—Mr Hattersley, Mr Shore, Mr Kinnoch, Mr Healey and Mr Kaufman—yesterday tended to keep their own counsel, although Mr Shore did not deny that he would stand. But Mr David Bannett, of the municipal workers' union, commented: "The sooner it is done the better". That was clearly the overpowering burden of advice being offered to Mr Foot yesterday.

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Back home: Mrs Margaret Thatcher acknowledging greetings yesterday (Photograph: Suresh Karadia)

Treasury calls for interest rate cut

By Frances Williams, Economics Correspondent

The secret brief prepared for the incoming Chancellor of the Exchequer by Treasury officials gives a warning that the high value of the pound places Britain's economic recovery in jeopardy and advises cuts in interest rates to prevent the exchange rate rising further.

The brief makes clear that a decision on interest rates is a top priority if, as many in the City believe, the pound remains buoyant on international financial markets next week.

Officials fear that the pound's steady surge, if not reined back, will kill the nascent economic upswing as exports are priced out of world markets, depressing output and putting hard-won jobs at risk.

They will also point out to the Chancellor, no doubt unnecessarily, that unless bank interest rates come down within the next two weeks the building societies are certain to put up their mortgage rates, with embarrassing political as well as economic repercussions.

These powerful arguments receive more prominence than worries over above-target monetary growth and government borrowing, where officials will advise the Chancellor to suspend judgment until the position becomes clearer later in the year. At present there is no case for further restraint, they believe.

Meanwhile, the top priority continued on page 2, col 7

By Jeremy Warner

Mr Alfred Taubman, from Michigan, one of the world's richest men, was named yesterday as the mystery suitor for Sotheby's, the London auction house.

He has been brought in by the Sotheby's directors to counter a £50m bid by two New York businessmen. Mr Marshall Cogan and Mr Stephen Swid, and has promised to pay more than the £20p a share that they have offered.

Mr Taubman, who is reputedly worth more than \$500m (£320m), said yesterday that although he could afford to pay for Sotheby's in cash, he might bring in several business partners.

These could include Henry Ford II, the retired head of the Ford Motor Company, Mr Max Fisher, the former chairman of United Brands, the bit food company where Mr Taubman is a director, and Mr David Murdoch, a Californian businessman who is already a substantial shareholder in Sotheby's.

Mr Cogan and Mr Swid, whose businesses make furniture and felt undercarpeting, had been described by Sotheby's directors as unacceptable bidders before their offer was referred for investigation to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission last month.

But delighted Sotheby's directors, praising Mr Taubman in front of the press yesterday in the role of saviour, said they would warmly welcome a bid by him and would recommend it to shareholders.

Mr Graham Llewellyn, Sotheby's chief executive, said at the group's New Bond Street auction rooms: "In a people business, chemistry plays an extremely important role. That did not exist in the previous bid. But it does in this one."

He said that Sotheby's had known Mr Taubman for some years as a collector and active bidder at sales, especially in New York.

Mr Taubman said he became involved in the Sotheby's situation because of a conversation with a friend in the art world.

He said: "Sotheby's is the oldest company of its kind in the art world — 244 years of history. As a collector, you certainly have to be in awe. This is a great opportunity I have been given."

"To become involved with such a wonderful institution goes beyond a mere business opportunity."

On the stock market yesterday, Sotheby's shares rose 53p to 523p.

However, Mr Cogan and Mr Swid, who are understood to have turned down an offer from Mr Taubman for their 30 per cent stake in Sotheby's, were undeterred. Their financial advisers, Morgan Grenfell, said: "They have no intention of giving up."

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Speaking out George Thomas reflects on the office of Speaker of the House of Commons, from which he is about to retire after seven years

Calling out In the week before Wimbledon, Spectrum asks: are the gentlemen coming back into tennis?

Promotion for Duke of Kent

The Duke of Kent has been promoted from lieutenant-colonel to major-general, by-passing the ranks of full colonel and brigadier.

Announcing the Queen's approval of the promotion yesterday, the Ministry of Defence explained that such "jump promotions" were rare and connected with royal duties.

Harrier stays put on ship

The Royal Navy's stranded Sea Harrier will remain on board the Spanish cargo vessel in Tenerife at least until next week, after lawyers for the shipping line and the British Government failed to reach agreement on compensation.

Lawyers for the owners, the Garcia Minstar Line, left for Madrid indicating they wanted to wait until Monday before continuing talks.

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TV-am, the independent breakfast television channel, has made a sharp recovery in its audience since it launched its revised programme last month, according to figures from the Broadcasters' Audience Research Board. Page 3

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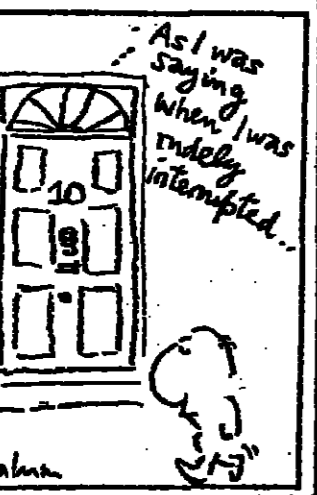
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# Ulster electors desert Fitt but Powell wins by a whisker

From Richard Ford, Belfast

The Unionist parties swept to a dominant position in Northern Ireland yesterday on a day which saw Mr Enoch Powell survive by his narrowest margin in 30 years in politics.

As expected Mr Gerry Adams, vice-president of Provisional Sinn Fein, the political wing of the IRA, won Belfast West and ended the 17-year Commons career of Mr Gerard Fitt, whose defeat was described as a tragedy by Mr James Prior, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland.

Mr Fitt was pushed into third place, 6,000 votes behind Mr Adams who had more than 16,000 votes. It was a poignant moment when the veteran socialist MP and opponent of violence shook hands with Mr Adams, whose organization unambiguously supports armed struggle.

But when Mr Fitt's votes which included many Protestants are added to those of the Social Democratic and Labour Party there is still a majority in Belfast West against the politics of violence.

There was chaos as Mr Adams left the City Hall in Belfast surrounded by armed police protecting him from "Loyalists" hurling abuse and screaming "murderer" at him.

## Unions press for new leader

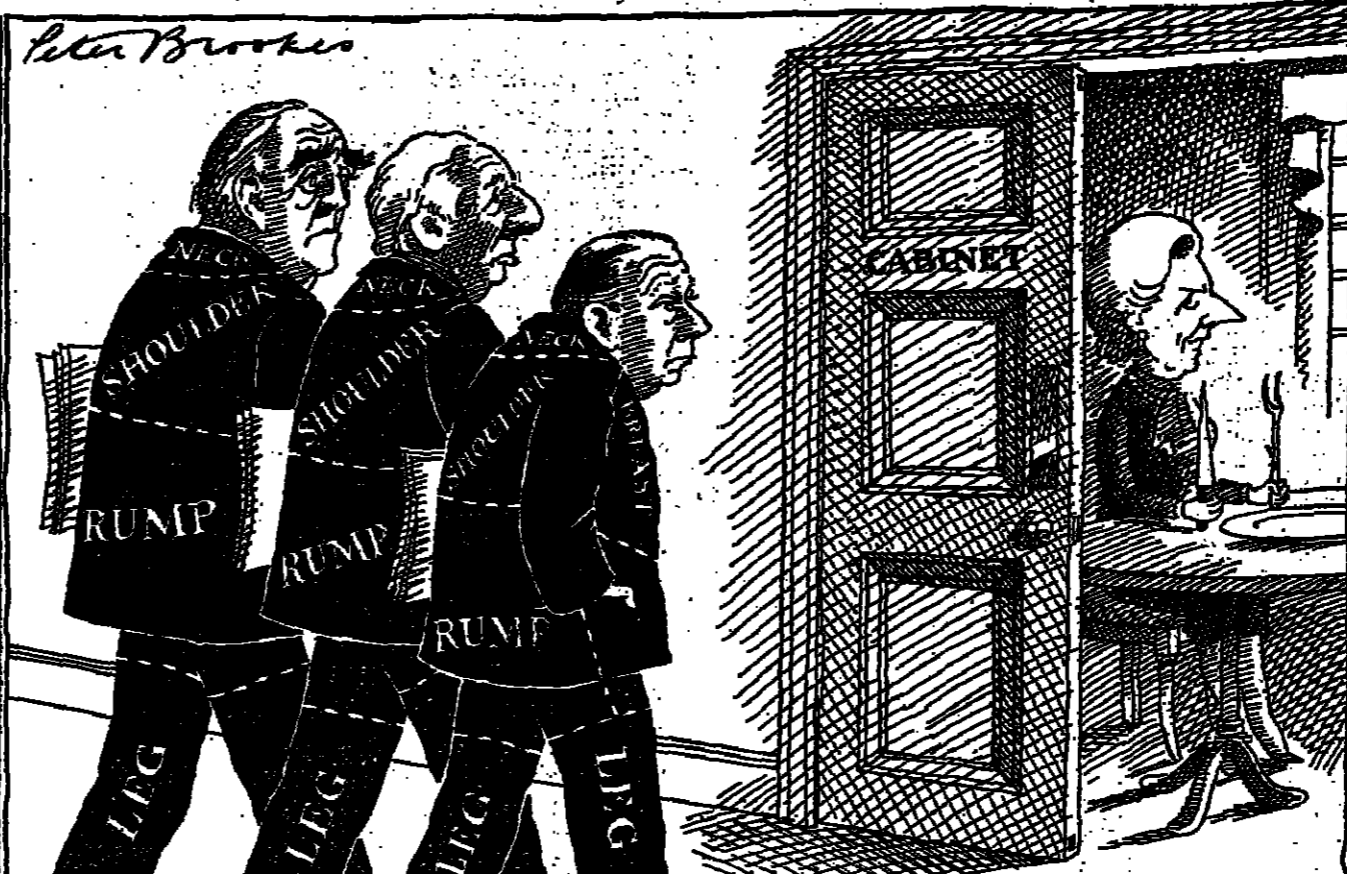
By David Felton, Labour Correspondent

A Labour victory which financed the election campaign. Mr Foot should make a quick announcement, he said, but the party must avoid the divisions caused by the deputy leadership election between Mr Wedgwood Benn and Mr Denis Healey.

"The issue of the leadership now rests with the leader himself. If there are going to be changes then it is vital that they are made in a calm, considered and democratic atmosphere and not in the kind of destructive recriminations we had after the last election."

Some right-wing union leaders were also calling for a change in the party's policies.

A key statement on Mr Foot's future came last night from Mr David Bassett, chairman of Trade Unions for



"I'm not a good butcher. I've had to learn to carve the joint." Margaret Thatcher, June 10, 1983.

## How a party can prosper without PR

By Richard Evans

The emergence of the Labour Party as a political force in the 1920s proves that new parties can achieve success under the present voting system.

From holding 40 seats in the 1901 election and 42 in the December, 1919, poll, Labour made big advances in 1922 at the expense of the Liberals, with 142 MPs elected to the Commons. A year later the party's parliamentary strength was increased to 191.

## Ex-MPs will receive up to £14,510 severance pay

By Alan Hamilton

Members of the last Parliament who failed to win reelection on Thursday can at least look forward to the cushion of greatly improved redundancy pay. Those who have stood down, from retirement or because their constituencies have vanished in boundary changes, will also enjoy substantial severance benefits.

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## Foot bitter over 'SDP treachery'

By Amanda Haigh

A weary Mr Michael Foot yesterday bitterly attacked the "deeply reactionary and offensive campaign" conducted by the Conservatives and the "unforgivable treachery" of the SDP who won the election for the Tories.

Visibly depressed, Mr Foot spent all day refusing to answer questions about the future of his leadership of the Labour Party or of the party itself.

He travelled from his Hampstead home, where he had rested during the morning, with his wife Jill and dog Dizzie to Labour's Walworth Road, south London, headquarters, yesterday afternoon, to be greeted by a large banner with "Welcome Michael" written in red letters.

He was soon joined by Mr Denis Healey, the deputy leader and the two spent an hour and a half addressing party staff.

They refused to make any public comment, but party members later told *The Times* that Mr Foot had said: "It was a deeply reactionary and offensive campaign fought by our opponents. That makes all the more scandalous and unforgivable the treachery of those who helped to enable the Tories to win the election - defectors from our own ranks."

"The Liberals are entitled to their case, but those who are seeking to inflict injury on us at all times are an entirely different story."

He said that no one could dispute that the Labour Party had had a severe setback, but the policies had been intelligent and the right ones on which to fight the election. There had been difficulties over some aspects of the way these policies had been presented, but he believed what the party had said to the electorate would be vindicated in coming years.

Mr Healey said that it was the most severe setback for the party since 1931, but he was sure there would be some by-elections before the parliamentary summer recess.

Mr Foot commented, in a Belfast interview, on the Belfast West defeat of Mr Gerry Fitt.

"I think it is tragic Gerry Fitt will not be in the next House of Commons. It is beyond description and praise the way in which he has resisted all attempts to have issues settled by violence. He is absolutely living proof of how somebody can stand up and fight for their cause with all the powers of passive resistance."

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Other police officers present at yesterday's meeting were Det Supt Alan Jestic, head of the local CID, Chief Supt. Anthony Speed, in charge of Brixton's Special, and Chief Inspector Ewan Macpherson, the community liaison officer.

## Abolition of GLC may be hard, Whitehall says

By David Walker, Local Government Correspondent

Carrying out the Government's intention of abolishing the Greater London Council will prove complicated, according to Civil Service sources yesterday. By contrast, legislation to end the six metropolitan counties is proving relatively easy to draft.

One of the first questions confronting ministers in the new Government is how much detail they want to give about the authorities that will succeed the GLC. A small but difficult problem is the future of County Hall, the huge 1930s pile on the South Bank that houses the GLC and the former London Education Authority.

Ministers are understood to favour simple legislation, leaving the Department of the Environment to decide what kind of authorities take over present functions.

Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for the Environment, has been told that his predecessor promised about the extent of savings from the abolition plans will have to be revised.

A representative of the GLC's Labour councillors yesterday promised, "a determined fight" but she acknowledged that there were as yet no concrete plans.

## 7,000 fewer in Services

The number of Servicemen fell by 2.1 per cent to 320,623 in the year ended in March, the Ministry of Defence said yesterday. The decrease of about 7,000 is in line with planned government reductions. There are about 14,000 fewer Servicemen than in mid-1981, when the cuts were announced. A slow-down in recruitment has been the main means, according to the ministry.

Although total recruitment in the year to March was 4 per cent lower than in 1981-82, it was also 19 per cent higher than in the 12-month period to December, 1982, "presaging a return to the levels of recruitment necessary to sustain planned long-term strengths."

## Reporter killed herself after affair

By Pearce Wright Science Editor

Mrs Pat Ledger, aged 35, an award-winning journalist, killed herself after her husband found out about a short affair she had with her former editor, it was stated at an inquest in Rotherham yesterday.

Mr David Flynn, the former editor of the *Sheffield Star*, admitted that he had committed adultery with Mrs Ledger. Her husband, Mr Michael Ledger, aged 42, a plumber, found out about the affair and told his wife he thought their marriage was over.

Mr Flynn now holds a senior editorial position on *The Times*. The coroner recorded a verdict that Mrs Ledger killed herself.

## MORI poll was right on election forecast

By Richard Evans

Mr Bob Worcester, head of Market and Opinion Research International, was yesterday delighted after again producing an eve of election opinion poll accurately forecasting the election outcome.

MORI produced the final poll of the campaign, conducted on Wednesday only hours before the election took place, which correctly predicted the final voting outcome - Conservatives 44 per cent, Labour 28 per cent, Alliance 26 per cent and others 2 per cent.

Other polling organizations consistently underestimated the final Labour vote and overestimated Conservative support.

"I am very pleased. It vindicates the accuracy of the polls, if not the way they were used by some of the media and politicians. People read too much into polls and there were examples of politicians deliberately misreading polls to their own advantage," he said.

Explaining his success, he added: "Ninety-five per cent of polling is science; the other 5 per cent is luck. If you are not lucky it is not a good business to be in."

Audience Selection whose telephone polls had the Alliance ahead of Labour in the final 10 days of the campaign, performed last week too good to be true. "It does not look too good either," Mr John Clemens of Audience Selection admitted yesterday. "Obviously we will continue to do polls but when you have an error which is larger than other people you have to look at it and see how it can be bettered."

Critics of telephone polling for elections believe that continuing to be unreliable until telephone ownership increases to 95 per cent from its present level of between 75 and 85 per cent.

Mr Nick Sparrow of Marplan said yesterday that the regular error in most of the polls, which inflated backing for the Conservatives and failed to realize Labour's strength, may have been due to the election turnout. "Maybe a few Conservatives felt so sure of victory they did not bother to turn up," he said.

"But overall I think we have done very well indeed. We have come up with answers that are within 3 or 4 per cent of the actual results."

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# Roach feared someone was out to kill him, friend tells inquest

By Nicholas Timmins

Mr Colin Roach, the black an aged 21 who died of a shotgun wound in the entrance of Stoke Newington police station in London last January, thought someone was after him to kill him on the night he died, an inquest into his death was told yesterday.

A jury at Clerkenwell County court heard of his last day from his friends, including a young drive around the East End of London, in which he urged Mr Keith Scully, the white youth who drove him and rapped him off near Stoke Newington police station, to keep moving, drive fast and take him somewhere where no one knew him.

Mr Scully said he picked up Mr Roach at about 10.15 on the night he died. He said Mr Roach was agitated. When he offered to take him home he said: "No, don't take me there, they will be waiting for me."

Mr Scully said he was in some kind of trouble. When he asked him if he was, Mr Roach said: "We are all going to die." He continued if he told him that was wrong, "they will get you," Mr Scully said.

"I said, 'who?' He said, 'I ain't tell you'. At one point Mr Roach said that a friend of yours Joe Joseph was dead. Mr Scully said, 'At that point he rapped off Jim Joseph, Joe's brother, who was in the car with them, to look for Joe."



Colin Roach: "Upset but not hysterical"

Miss Denise Carlow, another friend of Mr Roach's said that Jim Joseph came up to her flat looking for his brother and told her: "Coin's cracking up down there. He thinks somebody is after him to kill him."

Mr Scully said that during the drive Mr Roach wanted to be taken to Bethnal Green police station but agreed instead to be taken to his brother's.

He directed Mr Scully to drive to Stoke Newington. He

stopped just short of the police station and Mr Roach said: "It's all right, I will be safe here". Instead of walking down a side street he walked up the road and into the police station.

Mr Scully said he did not see anyone else on the pavement. He drove slowly past the police station and saw someone standing in the entrance. Against the light he could not be sure it was Mr Roach, but he thought he was the only person in the police station lobby. He said Mr Roach had not been "hysterical" just "upset".

During Mr Scully's evidence the shotgun and a holdall that was found with Mr Roach's body was produced. It was shown that the gun could fit in the holdall only when the butt was off it and the gun was in a broken position.

The inquest was told that there were no fingerprints on the gun and that no tests had been made for fingerprints on the holdall.

Mr Bruce Grant, a Scotland Yard fingerprint specialist, said that the rate for finding fingerprints on firearms was very, very low. Of 41 firearms he had found fingerprints on only two. There was no sign that the gun had been wiped clean.

The hearing was adjourned till Monday.



Ring-a-roses: Prince Edward taking part in a traditional Tarala dance with Fijian women on the island of Beqa. He has been visiting Fiji as part of a tour of the Pacific islands on his way home from his teaching job in New Zealand.

## The revised TV-am doubles its audience

By Christopher Warner

TV-am has made a remarkable recovery in its audience since it launched its revised breakfast programmes last month, viewing figures released by the Broadcasters' Audience Research Board yesterday show.

For the week ended June 5 the average weekday audience was 700,000 more than double the 300,000 for the previous week. From its low point of 200,000 in the middle of last month the station has quickly achieved a healthier look after changes at the company.

The latest average figure is only 100,000 short of the peak level of 800,000 reached in TV-am's first week of transmission at the beginning of February.

The breakfast station reacted happily to the new figures yesterday. "We are thrilled. It means we have a better programme and it is better promoted, but obviously we have a way to go yet", a spokesman said.

The week's programmes, presented by Nick Owen and Linda Berry, included items from Epsom for the Derby and an interview with Prince Michael about the thirtieth anniversary of the Queen's coronation, which helped to boost the audience.

In the same week BBC's Breakfast Time saw its audience drop from 1,700,000 to 1,300,000 although for the election Special with Sir Robin Day which followed it the average was 1,500,000.

The BBC commented that the true figure for TV-am was 300,000, its previous average, because the total included the audience when BBC's programme was not on the air.

It added that the loss of 400,000 was only partly because of the strength of TV-am's programmes. The comment suggests at least a recognition, if not a worry, about the increase in TV-am's audience.

## Guide to advanced motoring

The Institute of Advanced Motorists is holding a nationwide open day tomorrow as part of its campaign to encourage more people to take advanced driving or motorcycling tests.

More than eighty groups in England, Wales and Scotland will demonstrate some of the exercises required and will offer free assessments.

The Institute, which has 76,000 members, claims that about 15,000 of them have obtained reduced car insurance after passing the stringent test, lasting an hour and 40 minutes.

## Woman helped to catch raider

Mrs Delia Hersh, aged 23, a cashier in a building society office in Barking, north-east London, was awarded £100 by a judge in the Central Criminal Court yesterday for following and helping to bring to justice an armed robber who had held up the branch twice. She gave police a description of his van.

Frederic Newman, aged 32, of Ordinance Road, Enfield, north London, was jailed for 10 years after admitting 10 robberies and having a firearm.

## £1/2m appeal for a round church

A £500,000 appeal for the Holy Sepulchre Church, Northampton, was launched yesterday by Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester.

The church is one of only four remaining round churches in the country, and the Duchess put two of her paintings on show at a fund-raising art exhibition.

## Policeman dies

Police Inspector Thomas Gillies, aged 49, was found dead from gunshot wounds at his home at Bury Close, Gosport, Hampshire, on Thursday night. Mr Gillies, who was married with two children, was stationed at Fareham.

## Lawyers split over prosecution options

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Government draft proposals for a new kind of prosecution service independent of the police are splitting the various branches of the legal profession. Prosecuting solicitors, magistrates, their clerks, and London criminal solicitors are completely divided over which of three options proposed by government officials they favour.

The options for an independent prosecution service, proposed by the Royal Commission on Criminal Procedure, were put forward in a consultative paper last December by a working party of officials under the Home Office and including representatives from the Lord Chancellor's and Law Officers' department.

The first option is an integrated national system under which there would be a chain of locally-based prosecutors, controlled and appointed by a central department.

The second is a decentralized national system, with regionally-based prosecutors as independent office holders under the Crown having a degree of autonomy, and the third a local system with each police area having a prosecution department independent of the police and accountable to a local supervisory body.

However, the various legal groups who have responded to the proposals are divided. The Prosecuting Solicitors' Society of England and Wales favours a local system, the Justices' Clerks' Society and the Magistrates' Association a decentralized national system, and the London Criminal Courts' Solicitors' Association an integrated national system.

## Call likely for review of juries

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Half of the people who plead not guilty in crown courts are acquitted, a Home Office Research Unit paper is likely to show.

The paper, which is expected to be published soon, is bound to strengthen calls for re-examination of the jury system and police efficiency. The Government has promised to "extend substantially" the grounds for disqualifying those with criminal records from serving on juries.

The paper is one of the ways in which Whitehall is prepared for action by the Government. Another aid will be a computer model of the criminal justice system being created for the first time. Prepared by research unit officials, it will enable the Government to make more sophisticated calculations of the effect of its proposals on the system as a whole.

The Government has said that it is ready to increase police establishments where necessary, but Whitehall is aware of worries by professionals in the penal system that more police activity could increase the work load on other parts of it, such as the prison and probation service, which are already hard pressed.

One Whitehall brief ministers are likely to want is on the reintroduction of capital punishment. Although the issue would be decided on a free vote, a House of Commons made up of more hard-line supporters of Mrs Margaret Thatcher might want to bring in hanging.

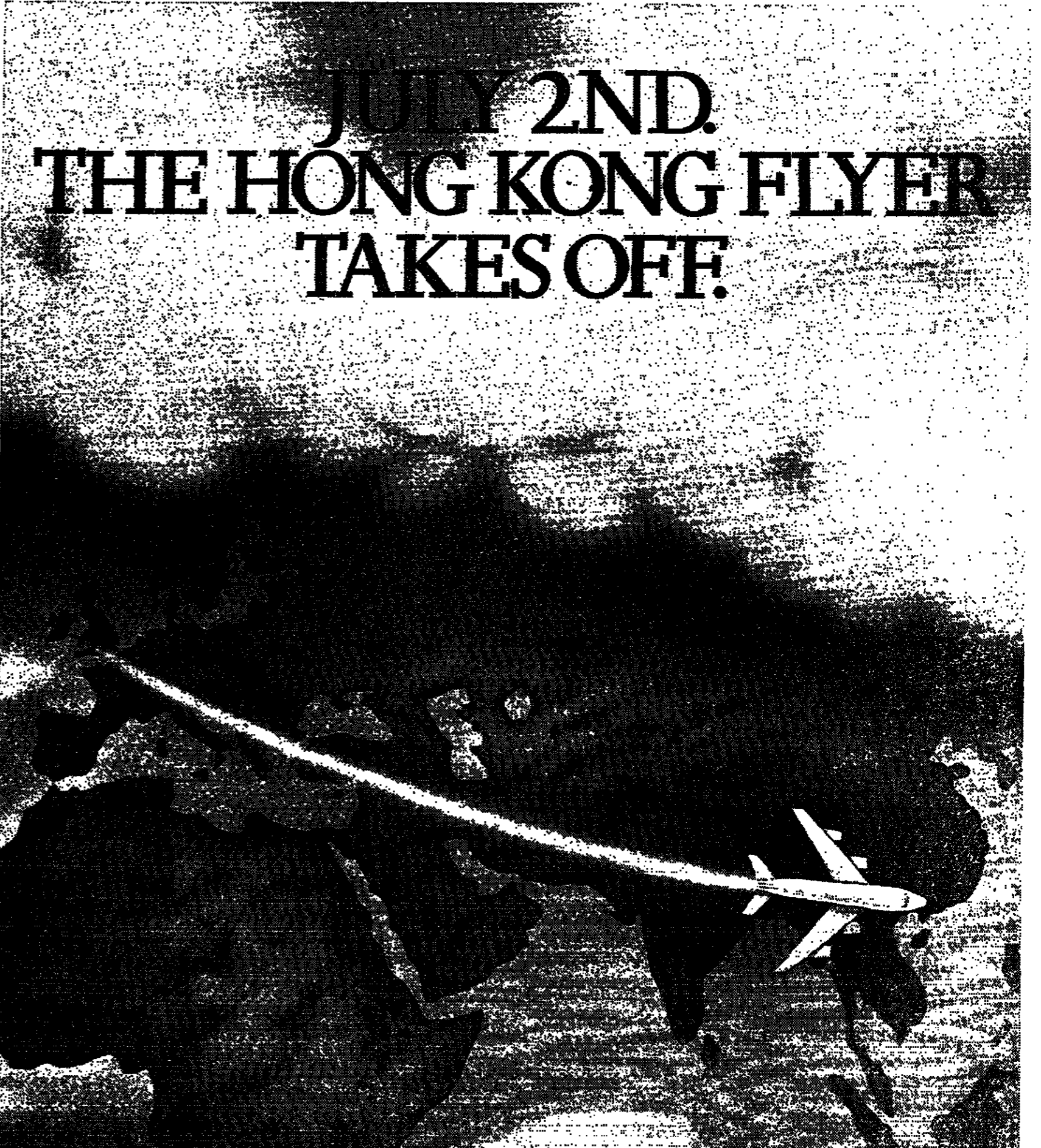
## Scientist jailed for making LSD

An American scientist who was arrested after a police and customs investigation codenamed "Dr No" was jailed for eight years at the Central Criminal Court yesterday for manufacturing LSD.

Peter Webster, aged 36, from Brooklyn, set up a laboratory in

the bedroom of a rented house at Normandy, Surrey. He produced sheets of paper impregnated with LSD "dots" with a street value of £150,000 and had planned to make a further £2m of the drug when he was arrested last October. Mr Peter Beaumont, for the prosecution, said.

Webster was found guilty of illegally manufacturing LSD between July and October and was told by Judge Abdeia: "You are a man of high intellectual calibre and must have known what the consequences were." The judge recommended that Webster should be deported on completion of his sentence.



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## Pupils not to resit A levels

By David Nicholson-Lord

Thousands of A level students in London and the south-east of England will not have to resit their examinations. An inquiry by officials yesterday found no evidence to support a claim that papers had been stolen and sold for up to £100 each.

But the London University examinations council acknowledged that security at its examination centre, where papers are held, was not tight enough and said immediate steps would be taken to improve it.

Mr Alan Stephenson, secretary of the council, admitted the difficulty of checking allegations that papers had been taken, but he said: "I am as sure as I can possibly be that no question papers have got out."

The announcement will come as a relief to 5,500 pupils who sat A level on Wednesday and were told on emerging that they might have to retake the examination. The claim was made anonymously by a university employee, who took specimen papers to *The Standard*, London's evening newspaper, and described security at the centre as "a joke".

The employee had been identified and interviewed by the board, Mr Stephenson said, and he now faced the prospect of losing his job.

The Director of Public Prosecutions is also considering charges after a man was interviewed by officers of the Metropolitan police serious crime squad.

*The Standard* said their informant continued to maintain that the specimen papers were typical of others that were being taken and sold. They also included history, due to be taken next Thursday.

## Antique dealers' fair is back in Park Lane

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

The Grosvenor House Antiques Fair opened yesterday after a four-year absence. It was the high point of the art market's summer season from its foundation in 1934 until 1979, when a chambermaids' strike caused Forte's owner of the lavish hotel in Park Lane, to discontinue it.

The fair, which was opened by Princess Anne, looks much the same, with its lavish flower arrangements. Most of the same dealers were there, although one or two are concentrating on the Burlington Fair, at the Royal Academy in October, which had been arranged as an alternative to the old fair before the Forte family softened and invited the antique dealers back.

The participants, as usual, were not too willing to tell anyone where the goods had come from. If previous owners had listed the prices being asked in Park Lane, they might be horrified.

## Parents of crash victim praised by QC

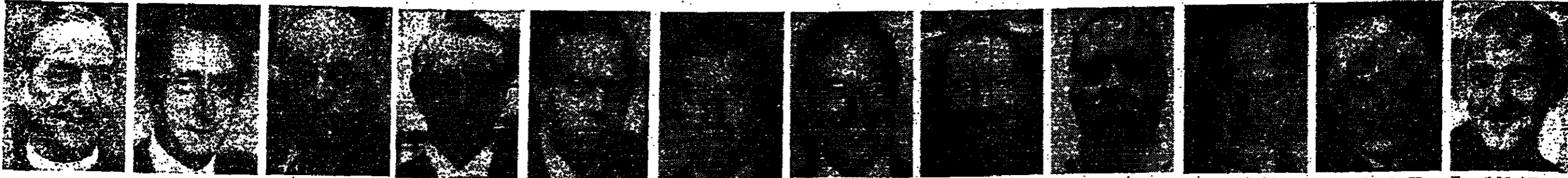
From Our Correspondent, Manchester

The parents of Miss Amanda Kyffin, aged 23, who was seriously injured in a road accident 10 years ago, were praised for their "remarkable devotion" to her in the High Court in Manchester yesterday.

Miss Kyffin was unemployed and could not manage her own affairs because of a head injury, Mr Keith Goddard, QC told the court. But her parents had encouraged her interest in athletics and swimming and she now competed at international level at home and abroad, he said.

"This is her main interest in life and theoretically it is probably the best thing that can be done for this young lady", Mr Goddard said.

Miss Kyffin, of Arleymere Close, Cheddle Hulme, Greater Manchester, was awarded agreed damages of £62,500 with costs. Mr Justice Wood approved settlement of the action against Mr George Townsend, also of Cheddle Hulme, the driver of a car which hit her. The award will be invested by the court on her behalf.



THE ARCHBISHOP OF YORK, DR STUART BLANCH (LIFE PEER): Retiring after this summer at the age of 62, was Bishop of Liverpool from 1966 to 1975, before that specializing in theological training.

PRIME MINISTER'S LIST

LIFE PEERS: Blanch, the most Reverend Stuart Warburton, Archbishop of York. Hanson, Sir James Edward, chairman, Hanson Trust.

ROYAL NAVY LIST

ORDER OF THE BATH: Vice-Admiral Sir David John. Vice-Admiral Peter Maxfield. R-Adm A S Gange, R-Adm D Jenkins, R-Adm J K Robertson.

ROYAL AIR FORCE LIST

ORDER OF THE BATH: Air Marshal Michael John. Air Marshal Patrick Barton. Air Marshal William Patrick.

BRITISH EMPIRE MEDAL

ORDER OF THE BATH: Lieutenant General Martin Baker, Colonel Commandant Royal Regiment of Artillery, Colonel Commandant Army Air Corps.

ORDER OF THE BATH AND ST GEORGE

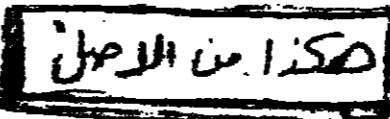
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Birthday Honours in full

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# Quest for a leader: The heirs presumptive to Labour's devastated political kingdom

## Kinnock, Hattersley and Shore leading race for the Foot succession

By Anthony Burgess, Political Correspondent

It is cruel now to disinter the fact, but the fact is of vital importance as Labour re-enters the atmosphere of acrimony and recrimination over the election debacle. A few months ago it was impossible to find a Labour MP who believed, privately, that Mr Michael Foot could lead the party to victory.

Yet no overt move was made to get rid of him. The Shadow Cabinet had the gun, but no one had the courage to pull the trigger, perhaps fearing that the assassin would be killed in the rush to fill the vacancy which would have been left by Mr Denis Healey's accession.

So, it was said, the unions made the first move. They muttered something about demarcation problems, leaving the MPs to do their own dirty work, and went back to counting their political funds in preparation for the dustiest £2m election bet in gambling history.

Perhaps Mr Foot's front-bench colleagues had it right. Perhaps no one, not even Mr Healey, could have salvaged the mess the party had been left in after four years of such bitter, blemish-fighting.

Perhaps it was best that Mr Foot should pay the final, tragic penalty for his own conceit, the belief that he could ever unite, by persuasion, a party which needs to be driven by force, conspiracy, even fear.

Ironically, Mr Foot's apprentice, Mr Neil Kinnock, is now being spoken of as a favourite contender for the suede shoes of his master.

Mr Kinnock, however, has some drawbacks. At 41, he is certainly young enough to lead the party for another 20 years in the wilderness. But he espouses the same policies as Mr Foot, on disarmament and the Common Market, which so crippled the party in this week's election catastrophe.

But there is more to it than that. There are many MPs who recognize in Mr Kinnock the same weaknesses as Mr Foot. A lack of killer instinct, a lack of leadership, which might come with experience, but which makes him for the moment a wild gambler.

The power in the new Labour Party undoubtedly lies with three men: Mr Peter Shore, Mr Roy Hattersley and Mr Gerald



The men at the centre of the stage: Top, from left: Mr Healey, Mr Hattersley and Mr Shore. Bottom, from left: Mr Kinnock, Mr Heffer, Mr Kaufman and Mr Silkin.

## Tory victor says left beat Benn

Mr Jonathan Sayeed, the Conservative who toppled Mr Wedgwood Benn in Bristol East, put down his victory yesterday to "unpalatable policies of the far left".

He said: "I did not kick Mr Benn out, left-wing policies kicked him out. He has been a faithful servant of Bristol in his own way for 33 years. But it does not matter how good a constituency man you are if your policies are wrong. His arc too left for today's voters."

Mr Sayeed did not think he would be facing Mr Benn in a future election. He is 59 now and will be 64 in 1988. If he is going to stage a comeback, he will have to do it before then.

## Choking voter

A man allegedly tried to eat his ballot paper in Nottingham South when he realized he had voted for the wrong candidate, handing over the sheaved remains when challenged by the presiding officer.

## Son for Hurd

A baby boy was born for Mrs Douglas Hurd at the Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, just 12 minutes after her husband, Minister of State at the Foreign Office in the last Parliament, was re-elected MP for Witney.

## Wife joins MP

A new husband and wife team will figure in the House of Commons when Parliament resumes. Mr Nicholas Winter-Conservative MP for Macclesfield, is to be joined by his wife, Ann, who won the neighbouring constituency of Congleton for the Tories.

## Assembly plea

Mr Dennis Canavan, newly elected Labour MP for Falkirk, West, said the party's Scottish majority was a sufficient mandate to demand the establishment of a Scottish assembly. He is seeking an early meeting with Scottish Labour MPs to discuss possible action.

## Singing winner

Mr Robert Key, new Conservative MP for Salisbury, fulfilled an election pledge yesterday by singing his thanks to the electorate from a public house balcony in the city centre. His local selection committee made it a condition that he sang an old Wiltshire song if he won.

## Records of the men in the running

**DENIS HEALEY**, became MP for Leeds, South-East, in 1952 and has been there ever since (from 1955 as Leeds, East). He became deputy leader of the Labour Party in 1980. Mr Healey is 65 years old and was educated at Bradford Grammar School and Balliol, Oxford.

**ROY HATTERSLEY**, aged 51, has been MP for Birmingham Sparkbrook since 1964. Brought up in a working-class background - his father was

**PETER SHORE**, aged 59, was elected MP for Stepney in 1964. A political economist, he was educated at King's, Cambridge.

**NEIL KINNOCK**, aged 41, the son of a labourer, became MP for Bedwellty in 1970. He was president of the students' union at University College, Cardiff, where he took a degree in industrial relations and history. He is a member of Labour's national executive.



Lord Carrington (left), Sir John King (top), Woodrow Wyatt (top), Thora Hird (middle), Margaret Hale (middle), Alexander McKee (middle), David Wood (middle), Fernando 'Albert' Sempuri (middle), Colin Thompson (middle), Basil Blackwell (middle), Norman Siddall (middle), Clive Sinclair (right).

**ROYAL VICTORIAN ORDER**  
KCVO Farrar, Charles Matthew, Moore, John Michael.  
CVO H. M. Colvin, Elizabeth, Lady Grimthorpe, Col W H G Long, Capt A Mumford, R.A.P. Col L E Peyton Jones, RN; G D Pinker, R H E Russell; B A Speight; Canon C C Young.

**KNIGHTS BACHELOR**  
Goffin, John Dean, Commissioner and Territorial Commander of the Salvation Army in New Zealand.  
Mowbray, for services to banking, commerce and the community.  
Stevens, Laurence, Houghton, for services to the textile industry and export.

**BRITISH EMPIRE MEDAL**  
Military Division  
Gen. Sir John A. S. ...  
Gen. Sir ...

**QUEEN'S POLICE MEDAL FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE**  
W K Egan, Ch Insp, N Z Pol.

**QUEEN'S FIRE SERVICE MEDAL FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE**  
R J ...

**QUEEN'S SERVICE ORDER FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE**  
B ...

**QUEEN'S SERVICE ORDER FOR PUBLIC SERVICES**  
W ...

**AIR FORCE CROSS**  
W G W ...

**QUEEN'S SERVICE MEDAL FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE**  
Mrs ...

**QUEEN'S SERVICE MEDAL FOR PUBLIC SERVICES**  
G ...

**COOK ISLANDS**  
MBE ...

**BRITISH EMPIRE MEDAL**  
W R ...

**OVERSEAS TERRITORIES**  
BRITISH EMPIRE MEDAL  
Mrs ...

**QUEEN'S POLICE MEDAL FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE**  
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**PAPUA NEW GUINEA LIST**  
KNIGHTS BACHELOR  
Abel, Sebele (Cecil) Charles, Geoffrey, for services to the community.  
Kala, Kwamala, Commissioner, Public Services Commission.

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ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE  
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ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE  
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# King Fahd and Gaddafi meet in attempt to find Lebanon consensus

By Our Foreign Staff

Speculation has intensified that Saudi Arabia is working towards a mini-summit on the Lebanon problem, with the unexpected arrival in Jiddah late on Thursday of Colonel Muammar Gaddafi of Libya, once a strong critic of Saudi policies.

King Fahd, who with a host of Arab dignitaries met the Libyan leader at the airport, is trying to draw Libya into peace efforts over Iran and Iraq, for Lebanon as a whole and among factions of Mr. Yasir Arafat's Fatah organization. Both Libya and Syria are believed to have abetted a recent revolt among some Fatah elements in Lebanon.

Colonel Gaddafi arrived to a warm welcome in Jiddah for his first visit since Libya and Saudi Arabia broke off relations, from October 1980 to December 1981, in a dispute over Saudi Arabia's acquisition of American radar surveillance aircraft. The two countries have to yet to exchange ambassadors.

The reception is part of Saudi Arabia's perennial quest for Arab solidarity and stability in the Middle East. Evidently the wealthy kingdom has been forced to acknowledge that the cooperation of the eccentric Libyan leader is needed to ensure quiet.

Yet until late last year the two countries were locked in a verbal war, with the Saudi media attacking Colonel Gaddafi as "a madman and an agent of Israel", and the Libyan leader accusing the Saudis of "sulliy" Muslim holy places with flights by the American surveillance planes and predicting that the House of Saud would fall "like autumn leaves".

Informed sources in Riyadh believe that the Saudis are hoping to go beyond bilateral discussions and to arrange a mini-summit, grouping Syria, Lebanon, the PLO and a number of other Arab states. A limited summit, they are said to

feel, would be more likely to succeed than a full Arab League meeting.

Colonel Gaddafi, for his part, may be becoming more flexible, having found himself relatively isolated recently in the Arab and African worlds.

In Aden yesterday Mr. Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization, held talks with President Ali Nasser Muhammad of South Yemen, on his latest step to bolster support for his policies and Palestinian unity.

He arrived in Aden from North Yemen where both he and Colonel Gaddafi were in the capital of Sana on Thursday, although they apparently did not meet.

President Ali Abdullah Saleh, who talked separately to each leader of North Yemen, said afterwards that there was an agreement between Libya and the PLO to stop public criticism of each other.

## Greece in the EEC chair

# Papandreou mends fences with Israel

From Mario Modiano, Athens

Under strong pressure from the practical realities posed by the assumption of the EEC presidency on July 1, the pro-Arab Socialist Government of Greece is suppressing its animosity towards Israel and trying to mend its fences.

Mr. David Kimche, secretary-general of Israel's Foreign Ministry, has just spent two days in Athens at the invitation of his Greek opposite number, Mr. Nikos Katapodis, who will soon be handling the EEC's political consultations.

The senior Israeli official, who is the first to be invited since the Socialists came to power 20 months ago, was given assurances that whatever the Greek Government's views on the Middle East, the Greek side would respect the rules of the game in discharging its duties as community President.

Only a few weeks ago, Greek delegation went to Israel to sign the renewal of a cultural agreement, as well as one for the exchange of information between state news agencies.

The visit was kept secret by the Greek side as has been its practice for fear of Arab reactions, but it was clear that the thaw had set in.

All this is a far cry from the Greek Government's attitude towards Israel barely one year ago when Mr. Andreas Papandreou, the Prime Minister, had compared the Israelis in Lebanon with the Nazis. And affectionately hugged "brother" Yasir Arafat.

His Government's absolute identification with the Palestinian Liberation Organisation's cause, and the highly emotional description of the Palestinian struggle as a modern-day Thermopylae and Marathon by the Greek state media, unleashed a short-lived wave of antisemitism in the country.

The PLO office here had already been raised to a status equal to Israel's diplomatic representation - a step short of *de jure* recognition which successive Greek governments had withheld from Israel for fear of harming Greek interests in Arab countries.

Relations with the Arabs have recently cooled off. Although the Government's ardent defence of the Palestinian cause is promoted by ideological sympathy, the average Greek had sincerely believed that in return for this solidarity the Arabs would have flooded Greece with petro-dollar investments.

The investments did not materialize, and when Mr. Chadi Klibi, the secretary-general of the Arab League, visited Athens officially last December he was told quite plainly that the Greeks were disappointed. What added insult to injury was that many Arab countries supported Turkey in international organizations



Mr Papandreou: Cooler relations with the Arabs.

## US selling tanks to Greece

Washington - The Reagan Administration has told Congress that it plans to sell Greece 100 M60 tanks fitted with heat-seeking target equipment at a cost of \$186m (about £124m).

The announcement came a day after the Pentagon had told Congress that it intended to sell Turkey \$155m worth of equipment to modernize its older M48 tanks.

## Kashmir victory

Delhi, (AFP) - The ruling National Conference of Mr. Farooq Abdullah, the Chief Minister, retained power in Jammu and Kashmir by securing an absolute majority in the 76-member legislative assembly, it was announced yesterday.

## Mine toll rises

Belgrade (AP) - The death toll from a methane gas explosion on Tuesday in the Aleksinac coal mine rose to 14 yesterday when two more victims died.

## Liege battle

Brussels - Police and firemen fought with high pressure hoses in Liege, when troops and civil defence workers moved into the strike-torn city to move rotting garbage from the streets.

## Top US general calls for aid before arms

General Edward Meyer, retiring Army Chief of Staff, has made clear to reporters here that US troops should not be sent to El Salvador without the support of the American public, which he doubted would be forthcoming.

General Meyer, who is due to retire on June 22 said on Thursday that he backed President Reagan's broad programme of economic and military aid to Central America but added "I believe economic aid is at least equally important, if not more important, than military aid."

He said that the better the Central American governments were able to respond to the needs of the people, the less of a need there was for guerrillas.

President Reagan has accused Sandanista Government in Nicaragua, which is supported by Cuba and the Soviet Union, of giving aid to left-wing guerrillas in El Salvador.

President Reagan has repeatedly said he has no intention of sending US combat troops of El Salvador, whose Washington-backed Government is fighting left-wing guerrillas. The US has about 25 military advisers and trainers in El Salvador.

General Meyer said that the El Salvador elections due this November would be a time to assess the way things were going. He also observed that for any US troops to be sent, there would have to be a consensus

within the American people that it was important that American soldiers be there. "You can't send soldiers off to war without having the support of the American people," the General, who was a field officer in Vietnam, was quoted as saying.

The Soviet Union has recently doubled the number of its military personnel in Cuba, the American television network ABC reported on Thursday, quoting sources close to US intelligence services, AFP reports.

ABC said 1,500 Soviet soldiers arrived in April to join a 3,000-strong brigade which has long been stationed in Cuba. In the past few days, the report said, 1,700 more men arrived who were not taking part in the exercises.

MANAGUA: Mr Richard Stone, the US envoy, met Nicaraguan leaders here yesterday to assess ways of restoring peace in Central America, Reuters reports.

Mr Stone is on a 10-nation tour of the region at a time when relations between Managua and Washington are at a new low.

The tone of the visit was set by Father Miguel d'Escoto, the Foreign Minister, on Thursday night when he recalled Mr Stone a "tremendous reactionary with a total lack of moral values".

## Old heads join young hands in Hawke jobs scheme

From Alan McGregor, Geneva

Australia's plans for a "happy life" for some of its 715,000 jobless - in a 15 million population - were outlined in Geneva yesterday by Mr Bob Hawke, the Prime Minister.

Most countries have to face up to the fact, he said, that even with optimum economic recovery, many people "in the conventional economic environment", particularly disadvantaged groups, would still be workless.

Accordingly, his government would try to use part of the money now being paid in unemployment benefit - more than \$2.2,000m (about £1,100m) annually - for "assisting some citizens to build alternative types of constructive employment".

# Silver lining for Poland's air smugglers

From Roger Boyes, Warsaw

Even in Poland, it appears, every cloud (or at least every aircraft) has a silver lining. The police have announced that they have smashed a silver-smuggling ring and arrested almost 60 people, including 23 members of the Polish airline Lot.

The silver, mainly industrial, was stolen from state-owned factories and sold to private craftsmen. They in turn passed it on to airline pilots and stewards, who transported it to the West, principally to Cologne, Brussels and Vienna, as well as Cairo and Istanbul.

There, the silver was sold at immense profit for dollars. The dollars were brought back to Poland, distributed among various middlemen and changed into zloties on the black market.

According to the police, the main silver business was carried out between 1980 and 1982 and involved, at official prices, 55m zloties (about £400,000) of the metal.

The same gang also smuggled out works of art and drugs. The police say that the smugglers were also planning to branch out into other precious and semi-precious metals, but were arrested before the scheme got underway.

Until martial law was imposed at the end of 1981, travel to the West-East-West smuggling networks.

The most lucrative criminal schemes have included the smuggling of Russian icons (often painted over to make

them seem relatively modern and of low value) and the transport of diamonds from the Odessa and Moscow black market via Warsaw to the West.

The travel restrictions under martial law meant an increased reliance by smugglers on bribing airline staff, though security checks on these people have now been stopped.

The police communiqué, published yesterday in the party daily, *Trybuna Ludu*, put the main emphasis on the lax security in state-owned factories. "The lucrative smuggling business was possible thanks to the careless and irresponsible handling of silver in the state-owned plants and complete ignorance of the binding regulations,"

The newspaper warned factory managers that a 1977 decree stipulated that silver could only be distributed by the state - that is, it is forbidden to make private sales. The police announcement was made in Cracow, which suggested that most of the thefts came from plants in southern Poland.

Apart from the airline employees, 24 owners of private factories and workshops were arrested, along with a number of alleged middlemen, including two students and a Yugoslav.

The Mayor of Warsaw, acting on the instructions of the Culture Ministry, has reactivated the Polish film-makers union, suspended since martial law was imposed. Andrzej Wajda and other pro-solidarity film directors have resigned from the board of the union.

The newspaper warned factory



Ailing leader: Mr Yuri Andropov, the Soviet Communist Party Secretary, whose health has recently been under scrutiny, being helped by two aides on his way to say farewell to President Koivisto of Finland.

## Tutu gives warning on hangings

From Michael Horvitz, Johannesburg

South Africa would be "freed through bloodshed and violence or through negotiations", Bishop Desmond Tutu, General-Secretary of the South African Council of Churches, told a prayer meeting on Thursday night for the three African National Congress members hanged earlier in the day.

"The problems of our country cannot be solved by violence... Those who have opted for the armed struggle, whom blacks regard as freedom fighters, and those who are prepared to make the supreme sacrifice, will say: 'We must perpetrate the worst possible damage because we are going to hang in any case'."

There was unrest on Thursday night at the University of Zululand and Fort Hare University, both black establishments. At the University of Zululand, students set a police vehicle alight, broke into the campus canteen and broke windows.

At Fort Hare, students were reported to have boycotted classes.

## Nato agrees on security precautions East-West trade row avoided

From Diana Gaddes, Paris

The 16-member nations of Nato, whose foreign ministers ended their council meeting in Paris yesterday, have agreed in their final communiqué that trade with the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe must remain consistent with broad allied security concerns.

That included avoiding dependence on the Soviet Union or contributing to Soviet military capabilities. Development of Western energy resources should therefore be encouraged, the communiqué said.

It made no comment on wider aspects of East-West trade, but M Claude Cheysson, the French Foreign Minister, expressed France's satisfaction that what had been predicted would be a difficult debate on East-West trade had been avoided, and that there had been no attempt (by the US) to turn Nato into an economic alliance.

The Nato foreign ministers also reaffirmed the importance of the 1979 Nato decision on the deployment of nuclear missiles in Europe, and expressed their full support for the efforts of the US "to reach a successful outcome in the Geneva talks on intermediate range nuclear forces (INF). They would support continued negotiations even after initial deployment."

Mr George Shultz, the American Secretary of State, described the council meeting as very successful and very important and said that the alliance had shown its unity, firmness and cohesion on the question of the Geneva INF negotiations.

The Russians must now show themselves to be reasonable and participate seriously in the negotiations, he said, adding that it remained to be seen whether the Russians were ready to reach an agreement. The first Nato missiles are due to be deployed in Europe before the next planned meeting of Nato foreign ministers on December 8.

In a preamble to the final communiqué the Nato members expressed their determination to ensure through negotiations the establishment of a stable military balance in Europe at the lowest possible level. There was no longer any mention of the US "zero option".

The Nato allies also expressed their concern over "the sustained increase in Soviet military strength in Europe and capability for military action worldwide which far exceeds defence needs".

## Missile lorry crashes

Schweinfurt (AP) - A United States Army lorry carrying three Hawk missiles overturned in a crash on a West German autobahn yesterday, injuring two soldiers. The missiles fell off the vehicle.

Authorities said there was no fire or explosion after the accident, but the autobahn was closed for more than four hours.

## Shipowners refuse to release stranded Harrier

From Richard Wigg, Santa Cruz de Tenerife

The stranded Royal Navy Sea Harrier jet remained perched on board the Spanish cargo vessel *Alraigo* in Tenerife yesterday as arguments over salvage compensation became deadlocked.

The Harrier, has already been prepared by Navy mechanics for lifting ashore, but Sub-Lieutenant Ian Watson, the 26-year-old pilot, flew home to England.

The lawyers for the Carcia Mineur Line, owners of the ship, are refusing to release the Harrier until they receive satisfactory guarantees on payment by the British Government for the salvage operation.

Spanish lawyers briefed for the British side, called in by the embassy in Madrid, disputed Spanish jurisdiction as such, maintaining sovereign immunity of the vessel.

Under this, they argued, a writ for salvage compensation cannot be issued on property belonging to a sovereign government. The Spaniards are already speculating that the case, first involving a forced landing by an aircraft on a ship at sea, could well be taken to international arbitration at The Hague.

Senior Fernando Meana, lawyer for the cargo line said the claim had been immediately reflected since it was inconceivable for Spaniards that the rescue of a Harrier by the

# Mistress of politicians poisoned

From Michael Hamlyn, Delhi

Sweetisha Rani Trivedi was an exceedingly attractive woman. Her photograph today evokes an air of warm sensuality, with her rounded features, full lower lip, deeply kohlled eyes and unmanagable, fly-away hair.

She was born 33 years ago in circumstances of mild scandal - she was the illegitimate daughter of a Brazilian priest and a Bihar woman. Her private life was considered shocking by Indians, though it might not raise so many eyebrows in the West.

But her death and the events which followed it are causing the biggest uproar of all. They could be instrumental in the downfall of what is widely acknowledged to be most corrupt administration in the Indian Union.

When her mother died, the young girl - who became known to everybody as Bobby - was adopted by a woman member of the Bihar state legislative council, who is now a prominent member of Congress (I), the ruling party in Bihar.

Bobby went to convent school, dropped out of college in Patna, married, had two children, divorced and lived with her adoptive mother in her official residence.

She took a job in 1978 as a telephonist and typist with the Bihar legislative assembly, and before long was spending nights with a deputy minister, or with a minister of state. Lately she had been seeing a good deal of the son of the Speaker of the assembly, a member of the Youth Congress (I).

In the early hours of May 8 she died. Had she been a Hindu her body would have been burnt later that day, and that would have been that. But she was a Christian she was buried.

When it was pointed out to the police that not one, but two death certificates had been drawn up for her, saying different things and stating conflicting times of death, they were able to have her body exhumed.

Post mortem analysis showed that she died as a result of ingesting an organophosphorus pesticide, malathion.

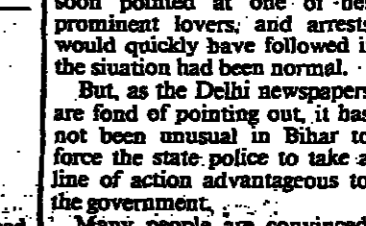
The finger of police suspicion soon pointed at one of her prominent lovers, and arrests would quickly have followed if the situation had been normal.

But, as the Delhi newspapers are fond of pointing out, it has not been unusual in Bihar to force the state police to take a line of action advantageous to the government.

Many people are convinced that in large parts of the state there is no rule of law; in some districts people have taken the law into their own hands. There are more unlicensed arms in Bihar, it is suggested, than in the rest of India put together.

The opposition in the state is having a field day. It has already been calling loudly for the dismissal of Mr Jagannath Mishra, the Chief Minister. Now it feels that it has an additional stick with which to beat him.

The suspected individual has already been plainly identified in the papers, but no action has been taken. Instead, the conduct of the case has been taken out of the hands of the local police altogether, and passed to the Central Bureau of Investigation, the Indian equivalent of the FBI.



'Bobby': Delhi police investigating death.

## House arrest of Spanish general over article

From Harry Debelius, Madrid

The retired general who served as Deputy Premier for Defence Affairs in Spain's first Post-Franco government was under arrest here yesterday for writing a newspaper article which called for the release of those convicted in connection with the unsuccessful coup of February 23, 1981.

Lieutenant General Fernando de Santiago y Diaz de Medivilla wrote in *El Alcazar* that Spain's armed forces were still in "a borderline situation" and the government was "shady and secret pact" to free imprisoned terrorists.

The article was entitled "Discrimination against the Army."

Senior Narcis Serra, ordered the general to be placed under house arrest on Thursday for seven days, under regulations which authorize non-judicial punishment for minor offences of military personnel.

## Cuban pull-out imminent

Bonn (Reuters) - The United States and Angola have reached a substantial measure of agreement on withdrawal of Cuban troops from Angola that could lead to elections in the neighbouring territory of Namibia (South-West Africa), according to West German diplomatic sources here.

The US-Angolan negotiations indicated that Cuban troops could leave Angola "in the really near future," a diplomat said.

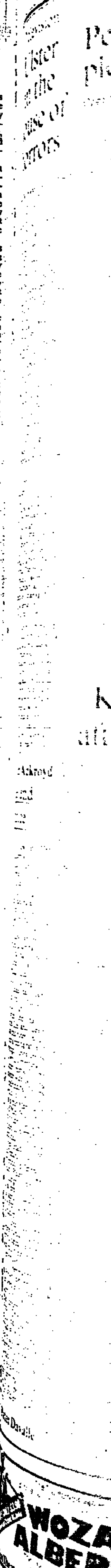
## OAU summit grapples with Polisario issue

Addis Ababa (AFP) - Hard bargaining began here yesterday at the Organization of African Unity Summit meeting to reach agreement on how to deal with the Western Sahara dispute.

It was the first time that an OAU forum had debated the issue since February 1982, when the Saharawi Arab Democratic Republic (SADR), set up by the Polisario Front fighting Morocco for the Western Sahara, was admitted to OAU membership on the strength of its recognition by a majority of member states.

The debate was made possible by the SADR's decision on Wednesday to abstain "voluntarily and temporarily" from the summit, thereby ending a boycott by Morocco and its supporters that aborted attempts last year to stage the conference in Tripoli, Libya.

But the Saharawi guerrillas' supporters spoke yesterday in their favour.



THE ARTS

Theatre

Henry VIII makes a rare and risky appearance



Howard Davies: excited

Henry VIII, which opens at Stratford on Tuesday, is the Royal Shakespeare Company's one "risk" production for the season...

Davies emphatically refutes any suggestion that the risk is involved because it is not a good play, and gives several reasons for its rare appearance...

Davies believes that Shakespeare started by asking "What would be the most interesting play about Henry VIII?" and was not too concerned with chronological facts...

There is also, of course, the flaw that Shakespeare wrote only part of the play, which was completed by John Fletcher.

For Davies and the cast, Henry VIII was virtually a new play - only three had seen it and two had read it. So the first cast meetings were spent in establishing how much they knew of the period...

The three main characters in the play are Henry, played by Richard Griffiths, a suitably upholstered actor, Katherine of Aragon, played by Gemma Jones, and Cardinal Wolsey, played by John Thaw...

Davies does not see Henry VIII as a risk, although he admits that having to treat it as a new play makes it "pretty nerve-racking, but exciting"...

Christopher Warman

Cowardice, a new play by Sean Mathias about a brother and sister who act out their lives as Noel Coward and Gertrude Lawrence, will open at Richmond Theatre on Tuesday...



Derek Jacobi gets the Thackeray touch as he meets the Strange Passenger

Peerless pleasure

Peer Gynt The Pit

This swift, economical and very enjoyable production proves once again that a good studio theatre is the best place for staging practically anything...

The quality of the play itself may be as uneven as its hero's adventures are far-ranging, but in the audience there was alertness and pleasure.

The use of an Ulster idiom, as well as making a richness in peasant speech perfectly natural, promotes the play from the rank of folk-tale to that of the Devil himself dressed in a cassock...

Peer, the compulsively romantic country boy gives Derek Jacobi no trouble. But behind the charm and giddy fancies there is always, glimpsed at moments, a hardness which evokes the village smiths to keep their distance...

But, as always, it is hard to feel we are watching the same character, especially as the successful Peer has shed every trace of an accent. Only as his travels come full circle, in the closing minutes, does his native speech return...

The boyish Peer's speech too has, quite apart from the accent, a dark grainy colour, very distinctive. The familiar Jacobi style is reserved for Act IV, where his precise comic touch flatters the satirical and farcical episodes...

Chris Dyer's black box set has a pillar-supported upper stage that serves for the roof where Aase is dumped. One pillar doubles as the tree in the woodcutting scene. It is the costumes that establish the milieu: almost all black, the women's dresses embroidered a little and striking a faint note of Norway, their crochetwork shawls equally suggesting Ireland...

In the shipwreck scene an overturned hull, blindingly spotlighted from below the audience, is enough for the struggling Peer's weird encounter with the Strange Passenger (Nigel Hawthorne), who consists largely of a hideous grin amid dead white make-up.

Mr Hawthorne also makes a Burton-Moulder of unnervingly quiet strength, in a rough shirt and neckerchief that might be a blacksmith's. And the Solving (Kate Beahan) puts a whole lifetime's love, as mother and wife, into her last unaccompanied lullaby.

Anthony Masters

Radio

Knight retreats after a good joust

As I write, a relative hush has fallen on the wavelengths. The noise of strife has momentarily ceased while the electorate demonstrates in what way the tidal wave of assertion, counter-assertion, insult and vainglory of the last few weeks has affected it...

But this morning, for only the second day in succession, there is no Election Call, no Robin Day like a rugged and experienced matador, skilfully deflecting a string of political bulls and bullezes...

Sir Robin, as we shall all now remember to call him, has been accused of unnecessary rudeness, of the persistent interruption. My impression after hearing him at length these last few weeks is that he is mostly courteous and patient in a rough and ready sort of way...

The comforting difference between Alan Plater's The Consultant (tonight, BBC1, 10.10) and a previous BBC thriller serial about computer crime, Bird of Prey, is that Mr Plater's novel treats us, the viewers, as mere humans, slow to digest technological jargon...

Sir Robin is well able to provide that opposition-insisting that the plausible but less than complete answer be brought to a halt, resisting it with questions, expanding it with questions, expanding it with questions...

David Wade

The world premier of Andrej Panufnik's Procession for Peace is to be given at Kenwood House on July 16 by the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra...

The Aldeburgh Festival pays its own centenary tribute to Wagner, at Snap on June 20, with a programme of early and small-scale works entitled Wagner at Home.

Television Ulster in the house of horrors

Across the Water (BBC2) began at such a high level of intensity - "Hideous mutilation, unthinkable pain..." - that it was difficult to see how it would get down without going into a suicide dive...

David Rudkin's narrative brings together two powerful themes: the abduction of a small child and the Ulster problem itself. You could hardly get a more potent mixture, and all the writer need do is stir it. Certainly Mr Rudkin rarely over-exerts himself...

The first part of this production was devoted to cryptic silences, and to intimations of horror or chaos which in the second half were brought, with a touch of grand guignol, to life. Because these intimations are mediated by images rather than words, Across the Water was more powerful as a film than as a television drama...

I cannot help thinking, though, that Ulster is now being mounted like a stuffed duck in the house of horrors. It is a convenient vehicle for every expression of public or private rage - "an imaginative cliché" which can be exploited rather than used...

Peter Ackroyd Weekend choice

Ken Russell's View of The Plagues (tomorrow, ITV, 10.30pm), a South Bank Show film, is the cinematic equivalent of a scissor and paste job. It is Holst's suite with illustrations. Mr Russell has selected and cut out the pictures and his film editor son, Xavier, has stuck them together...

But this morning, for only the second day in succession, there is no Election Call, no Robin Day like a rugged and experienced matador, skilfully deflecting a string of political bulls and bullezes (the normal feminine of bull is not, I feel, available here) from the straight-camera, propagandic charge into the less comfortable position of stopping to consider what might be the proper response to the lance or banderilla presented by the latest caller on the telephone...

Sir Robin, as we shall all now remember to call him, has been accused of unnecessary rudeness, of the persistent interruption. My impression after hearing him at length these last few weeks is that he is mostly courteous and patient in a rough and ready sort of way and when he isn't, it is because there is no other way of handling those he has to deal with. Our political representatives - or at least the ones they let loose on radio and television - are not, to put it charitably, short of a word or two nor unskilled at using them to spin amazing lattice-works of fantasy, a large part of which is conducted as a form of verbal joust and in that tradition they are inclined to sweep on until they meet an equally well equipped gentleman coming the other way...

Peter Davalle

Mistress politics poison... of Spain... er article

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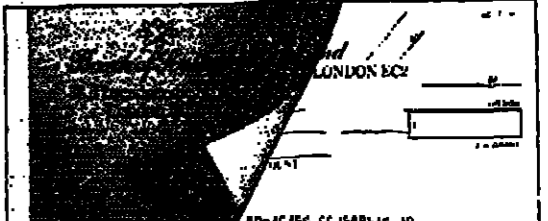
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THE TIMES DIARY

Zooming in

There is understandable smugness at ITN over those passenger's eye shots of Margaret Thatcher in the Daimler on her way from Finchley to Conservative Central Office in the small hours yesterday...

Getting the bird

Having temporarily unsired Sir Robin Mrs Thatcher was herself the victim of a misapprehension during the TV coverage. It came from the knight's only slightly less distinguished colleague, David Dimbleby...

Public print

Novelist Tom Sharpe is producing his next book on a word processor in public. At the Commodore Computer Show in Hammersmith today, Sharpe plans to work on another sequel to Will, the book which made his name...

Perhaps Shanghai, as well as being bureaucracy-ridden, is also unprosperous. I note that Parkinson's Law sold out within three days of appearing in the bookshops there.

Don't bank on it

Margaret Barclay Lloyd points out that I was not critical enough of the Savoy and the British Tourist Authority for their advertisement in The New Yorker which invited the union flag. For the advertisement copy says of the Savoy: "Big Ben and Royal Festival Hall are just across the Thames..."

Rolling on

We have not seen the last from the hugely successful alliance of Andrew Lloyd Webber and Trevor Nunn. Having skimmed off the cream with Cats, the two are planning a show on roller skates, probably with the collaboration of Richard Stilgoe...

The usually meticulous proof readers at Her Majesty's Stationery Office have let through a howler: the word envelopes now being used by HMSO's distribution centre at Cornwall House are headed: "Government Publications." Will it accuse me of dog-eat-dog tactics?

Write-off

Michael De-la-Noy, the writer, was recently burgled by a less than literary thief. In order to carry off a nice bookcase from his north London home they removed and neatly stacked in a corner his collection of rare first editions by Denton Welch...

Pity The poor and unsuspecting signwriter repainting the signboard of the Blue Lion in Gray's Inn Road. This much-forecast sleazebag faces the Times design department, whose sinister members are closely studying his progress...

Polish hopes, Vatican fears

by Peter Nichols

Rome The Pope has a brisk way with critics of his eastern policy, and it is unlikely to be coincidence that the preparations for his controversial second journey to Poland beginning next Thursday are accompanied by reports that he already has plans in mind for a third visit in 1985.



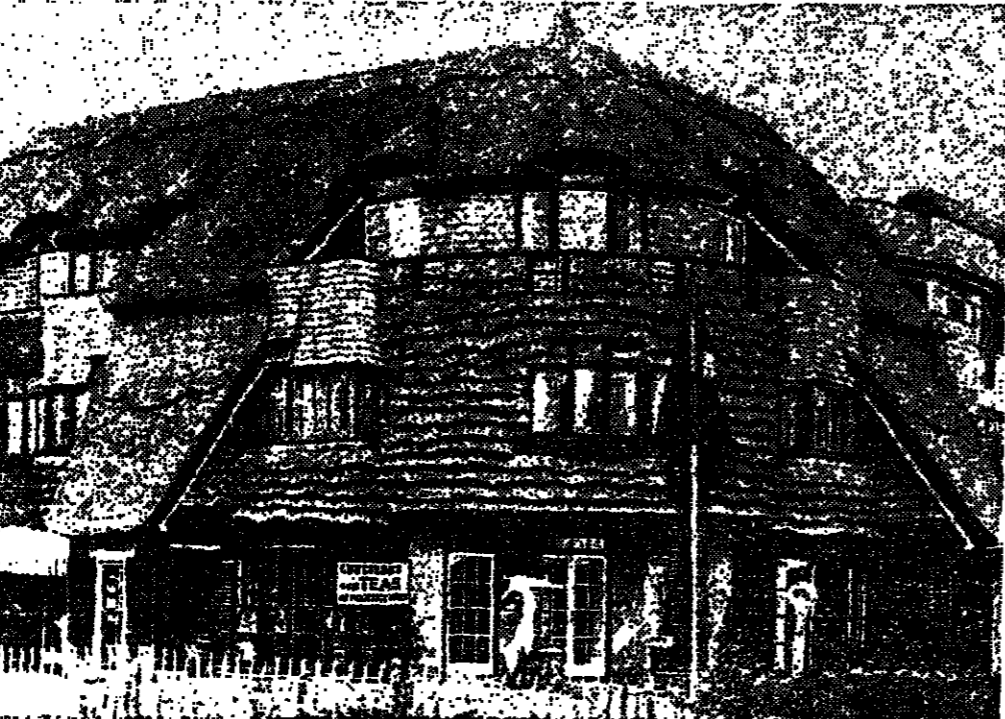
The Pope and three East European church leaders he will meet in Poland: Cardinal Walois of Latvia (top), Cardinal Lekai of Hungary (left) and Cardinal Tomasek of Czechoslovakia. Will Moscow see the meeting, with other aspects of the visit, as a direct provocation?

His critics vary from the Soviet news agency Tass to members of his own entourage. He himself has never shown any sign of second thoughts about visiting his homeland again. Even after the Poles were known in December to have had Russian agreement to the visit, the possibility was never out of mind at the Vatican that the Poles might find some pretext for calling it off. No such move could have been imagined coming from the Pope himself. He made no conditions and is not a man to be thwarted.

Slav Pope talking to Slavs in Slav territory, and in their own tongue can be expected to be accorded a better hearing. He particularly needs to convince Moscow of the legitimacy of his intentions when he speaks about how Catholics should behave when faced, as in Czechoslovakia, with heavy limitations on liberty...

Should the Pope be going to Poland? Inevitably, criticisms are heard. Keepers of the memory of the great John XXIII feel that he would not have approved, favouring as he did quiet and patient dialogue which would in the end be efficacious because it had behind it the conviction of being right as well as good...

Clive Aslet describes moves to rebuild a wibbly wobbly image



Architectural fruit salad: the Ozonia hotel at Carvey Island. Right, Blundon Shadbolt, master of the romantic revival, in his half-timbered hall studio

Let's stop mocking the neo-Tudor

Most architectural styles have had their detractors from time to time, but none has taken such a consistent critical pasting as the lyrical half-timbered mode of the 1920s and 1930s. It was Osbert Lancaster in Home Sweet Home, published in 1939, who coined the devastatingly scornful epithet "Stockbrokers' Tudor"...

who died in 1942. The exhibition showed a large number of buildings, for the most part in the north London suburbs. Trobridge's brand of neo-Tudor was highly individual. Though his houses are generally small, every kind of gable, window and chimney, every variety of tile-hanging, weatherboarding and brick-work, was packed together in the same house...

What is now emerging as the Bible of the wibbly wobbly style, P. A. Barron's The House Desirable of 1928, shows that neo-Tudor was seen as relevant to an up-to-date way of life. Barron wrote the book after a series of wanderings by car through the Home Counties. In fact, he saw the countryside very much by the motorist's eye, and his impressions may have been blurred as a result.

neo-Tudor only as a joke. But as architectural jokes go, it is not a bad one. And a lot of mileage is left in it. Historians will surely brow beat the cobwebs off more quaintly named figures, hardly known to the million even within their own lifetimes, who helped the upper middle classes realize their latent romanticism. Moreover, this way of building reflected an idealized image of England that was close to the hearts of a large number of people. Old buildings that seemed to have matured for centuries, gently and uninterruptedly, at the end of country lanes perhaps took on a special attractiveness after the mechanized destruction of the First World War...

Frances Williams This time oil must be made to pay

Mrs Thatcher's government has been the first to enjoy the fruits of Britain's North Sea oil wealth. Without the £20,000m of oil revenues flowing into Exchequer coffers over the past four years, money that simply was not there before, she might not be celebrating her landslide. Her economic programme would almost certainly have been unwelcome and its costs unaffordable.

rising prices by making imports cheaper and putting pressure on firms to keep wage costs down. The effects on investment were not those intended. Tough financial policies and the strong pound induced Britain's severest recession for 50 years. Interest rates, despite lower government borrowing, remained at historically high levels, especially an inflation-adjusted terms, industry slashed production, jobs and spending on plant and equipment. Instead, investment funds financed by Britain's oil-based balance of payments surplus flowed abroad, encouraged by the high exchange rate which made foreign assets look cheaper...

The Conservative government argued that the best way to stimulate investment was to create the foundations for a healthy economy through reducing inflation. So it harnessed the oil revenues to its tight money and fiscal policies designed to squeeze inflation out of the system. It used them to help cut government borrowing, claiming that this would bring down interest rates and so encourage investment in the private sector. It allowed sterling, buoyed by oil, to rise to damagingly uncompetitive levels, because this helped the fight against

Geoffrey Smith The reality behind Thatcher's rhetoric

When historians look back upon the election of 1983, how important will it seem? Most elections matter simply for the choice as to who will govern the country over the next few years. This time the electorate's verdict is bound to have its effect, one way or the other, on the whole structure of British party politics. I suspect that this election may have a more lasting impact in this second respect than is now appreciated, and rather less in the first respect than is generally supposed.

instances where no hard, practical proposals have been worked out to give effect to her radical instincts, and nobody can legislate by instinct alone. That obstacle might be overcome if Mrs Thatcher were to organize the Government so as to give it a decidedly radical thrust. That would be more daring than it sounds. It would mean dropping from the Cabinet powerful figures who would soon become a focus of backbench dissidence. For a Prime Minister with a large overall majority, who must be forced by the laws of arithmetic to leave out of her Government a good many MPs of talent and ambition, that would be taking a big risk. It would be surprising if Mrs Thatcher did not preserve in her new Cabinet a balance of opinion. If the election may not pave the way for dramatic policy changes, it has placed a large question mark against the familiar pattern of party politics in Britain. Labour have suffered a devastating setback. Though they have won many more seats than the Alliance, they have attracted a lower percentage of the total vote than in any general election since 1918. The decline of their mass appeal indicates the severity of the warning that has been served on Labour: the voters will not accept a party that conducts its affairs, chooses its programme and selects its leader with more concern for its own members than the electorate at large. Because they will have more seats than the Alliance in the new Parliament, Labour still have the first option on the role of the serious opposition - as distinct from their unquestioned right to be the official opposition. But if they are to take up that option, they will have to show they are again capable of looking outwards. If Labour fail, the Alliance could find themselves providing the serious opposition to the Government by the next election. The handicap of so few seats will make it harder both to make their presence felt in Parliament and to hold the Alliance together. But they have shown that they can win votes in large numbers at a general election as well as in by-elections. This means the political atmosphere could be transformed if the Alliance started to win by-elections and run comfortably ahead of Labour in opinion polls. Their success could no longer be dismissed as a mid-term aberration. But whatever happens, present patterns of parliamentary opposition cannot continue indefinitely. Either Labour will have to reform, or the Alliance will come through.

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PUCKINGHAM PALACE June 10: Mr Justice Macpherson had the honour of being received by the Queen upon his appointment as Justice of the High Court of Justice when Her Majesty conferred upon him the honour of Knight...

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Today is the Queen's official birthday.

Queen Anne Marie, wife of King Constantine of Greece, gave birth to a daughter on June 9.

A memorial service for Mr Jon Penabaker will be held at 11.30 today at St Giles's, Oxford.

Mr D. J. G. Reilly and Miss S. A. C. Roberts The engagement is announced between Dominic, son of Mr and Mrs B. T. Reilly, of Marsham Manor, Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire...

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Mr D. R. Schoenheimer and Miss J. V. S. Mehta The engagement is announced between Daniel Rudolf, only son of Mr and Mrs P. L. Schoenheimer, of New York City, New York, and Jane Victoria Shastry, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs J. D. Mehta, of Chester, Pennsylvania and London.

Mr A. Smith and Mrs C. Whimster The engagement is announced between Allan, younger son of Mr and Mrs R. E. Smith, of Edinburgh, and Claire, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs W. F. Whimster, of Blackheath, London, SE3.

Mr H. A. Voller and Miss J. B. O. White The engagement is announced between Philip, younger son of Mr and Mrs H. A. Voller, of Stowmarket, Suffolk, and Elizabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs H. O. Voller, of Neston, Wirral, and Joanna, third daughter of the late Rev L. O. C. White and Mrs H. B. Campbell White, of Clchester, Sussex.

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Merchant Taylors' School The following have been awarded entrance scholarships as a result of the examination which was held here on May 23, 24 and 25.

Monkton Combe School Scholarship examination by Monkton Combe School, Monkton Combe, Bristol, was held on June 6, 7 and 8.

Birthdays TODAY: Sir John Addis, 69; Commander Sir John Best-Slaw, 88; Mr James Bostock, 66; Mr Michael Cooymann, 61; Mr Jacques Cousteau, 72; Dr Thomas Davis, 66; Mr Abdul Fugard, 51; Miss Beryl Grey, 56; Brigadier Sheila Heaney, 66; Mrs Rachel Heyhoe Flint, 44; Mr Paul Mellon, 76; Mr Jackie Stewart, 48; Major-General Sir Nigel Tapp, 79; Sir John Terry, 70; Sir Edward Thompson, 81; Mr Richard Todd, 64; Dr Gerard Vaughan, 60.

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OBITUARY SVEND PRI Badminton champion from Denmark

Svend Pri, the Dane who won the All-England badminton championship in 1975 and who had a reputation as great as the best Asian players in this sport, has died in Copenhagen. He was 37.

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The Princess of Wales joking with Chelsea pensioners during the Founder's Day ceremony at the Royal Hospital yesterday

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world invitation singles in Jakarta as well. All this was done before wild, noisy crowds in temperatures reaching 104°F.

By the time the world championships had become an official event in 1977, Pri's compatriot Flemming Delfs had improved enough to beat him in the final, but three years ago Pri was still good enough to contest the later stages of the European championships.

In his prime Pri was known for his iron will and his sometimes reckless aggression. He had the hardest smash of any player of his day. There were celebrations all over Denmark after his All-England victory and his popularity in Indonesia was as great as in Denmark.

Playing with his compatriot Ulla Strand he won the All-England mixed doubles title three times.

In later years Pri had difficulty in adapting to the inevitable decline of his physical powers. He also had business setbacks, and experienced personal unhappiness.

After the revolution in 1949, Liao became vice-chairman of the committee dealing with Overseas Chinese affairs, and he remained in that area of the government for much of the rest of his life.

Liao was born in Tokyo in 1908, the son of Liao Zhigao, a close associate of Sun Yat-sen. He had his early education in Japan, returning to China with his family in 1919.

Being the son of Liao Zhigao gave Liao a special standing in China, and he was one of the few Chinese leaders to have direct experience of life outside the country.

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11-17 JUNE 1983 A WEEKLY GUIDE TO LEISURE, ENTERTAINMENT AND THE ARTS

After weeks of political gamesmanship, we look at more gentlemanly ways of knocking opponents out of court. In the third of a series on seasonal activities, Basil Boothroyd joins the smart set and two British internationals give a blow by blow account of the state and rules of croquet

## Hoop La!



There is a class thing about owning a croquet-set. Croquet-set children grow up in gardens "laid to lawn", as the estate agents say. On fine summer evenings the lawn is laid to croquet, and the children, when the serious adult contestants have withdrawn, can play their private variations. Bowling for the dog. Long shots with golf strokes into the fish-pond. Or hoop-bashing. First to bash most hoops to lawn level with a mallet gets let off boxing the gear and stowing the box in the summerhouse. None of this would go down well with the serious adults, especially if parents. Even less so with tournament officials at Hurlingham, Cheltenham, Roehampton, and serious places like that. Both my wife and I were disadvantaged children in terms of croquet-set owning. We were not ashamed of this. Just aware. What with the war, and a succession of flats laid to window-box, if that, we continued deprived for years, until we got a house with grass. "Must sell", said the local paper, soon after that. "Croquet set as new." My wife thought it was sad. Someone come down in the world, Croquet sets rank as heirlooms with those who own them, are mentioned in wills, like the Royal Worcester, and grandpa's George II shaving stand. The advertiser, in the next village, had a small terrace house laid to vegetables, even in front, and suggested nothing of a man paring with family treasures to quieten the Inland Revenue. The box was in the hall. He asked £2. We were croquet-set owners. My wife still felt a pang. "Must sell." Sad. However, as the ad continued under For Sale and Wanted every week after that, she stopped grieving. The advertiser was in the Croquet-Set-As-New business. His "as new" was certainly a brave try. We didn't know much about croquet. I am told it has more laws than cricket. But we knew the balls, painted as new, were not supposed to be stuck together like a diagram of the atom. Unstuck, they proved to include an unusually light-weight blue, with patches of yellow and red. It went plink instead of thwack when struck, travelling huge distances. We thought it was probably a ball-cock, but did not want to scratch any more paint off to check. The rest of the stuff seemed all right. Bit of fraying on the business end of the mallets. Cracked winning-post.

Still, our lawn did not conform to Roehampton standards either. About half-size, falling of the rectangular, and with deceptive gradients. Fun, though. You could do tricks with a raised butternut roof that would have made the Croquet Association's hair curl. Our mistake - well, not really, as things turned out, because we enjoyed it in the end - let us say we perhaps should not have boasted about being croqueters at the British Legion wine-and-cheese. But you know how the talk flags. It was bad luck that we disclosed our newly boosted status to the Wells-Wellerbys, who took croquet very seriously. Took everything very seriously. She took the conservation of rare tropical fishes very seriously. He took irrigation in the Sudan. They both took their croquet-set, which had come down from one of their ancestors, who had either invented the game, or told the inventor how to play it. Once we had got them on it we could not get them off it. They had not themselves got a croquet lawn. "Oh, we have", my wife said. Mrs Wells-Wellerby looked shocked. Mr Wells-Wellerby explained that they, of course, had a croquet court. We must go and play, he said. We need not wear white flannels. Whether it was my sense of social inferiority that put the devil in my mouth, or the large gins I had myself put there to brace me for the wine-and-cheese, I do not know. But something got into me. And came out: "No, no. You must come to us - er -". "Wear anything", my wife said. They both wore those very big, I always think custom-made, straw hats, with the forehead built-in crease, which prevented us from getting a clear look at their expressions when we took them through the house to show them the field of play. Later, when they pushed them back to exchange looks, we saw their faces were pretty straight. We had agreed beforehand to keep ours the same. It was a foursome, with swapped spouses. Wells-Wellerby's first look was after he had drawn the blue. He sighted carefully, rearranging his grip several times before the strike. *Plink!* The supposed ball-cock rose in a low arc, like a dare-buster bomb, bounced twice and went through the front hedge into the road. His wife did a bit of a look on that.

too. But nothing like the one when mine, sighting for hoop 4 on what should have been baulk line B if we had had one, curled well past it, caught the slope, came back down and turned back clean through it on deflection from a butternut roof. They no doubt thought this was a fluke, but we had practised a bit, and ended up winning handsomely. I hit the post myself. It snapped off. But I will not give you a blow-by-blow. I must respect the feelings at Cheltenham, Hurlingham, Roehampton. What I do want to say is that *noblesse oblige* about those born into the croquet set. It did not run to their asking us over to them to have their revenge, though. It was certainly our peak with croquet. We moved not long afterwards. House with garden laid to patio. Our croquet-set went in the garage sale, and we did not see who bought it and left the 50p, as priced. Given two guesses, I would say not the Wells-Wellerbys. If that sounds negative, I would guess it went somewhere where it could be made as new pretty smartly. "Must sell." Sad, but there you are.

Photographs by Colin Curwood at the Intra-county championships, Southwick Club

● Croquet is 130 years old and thriving. Not since its Edwardian hey-day has the game enjoyed such popularity. Britain are the reigning world champions and this international supremacy is rooted in a flourishing network of more than 100 clubs and 80 tournaments. Support at the real grass roots is even more remarkable: it is estimated that 100,000 garden sets are sold every year. But twice, croquet has nearly died. Following the arrival of lawn tennis in 1883 it virtually disappeared until the formation of the Croquet Association in 1896 then after the last war when it became principally the preserve of the retired. This time it was rejuvenated by younger players from the universities in the 1960s. The origins of the game are "pleasantly mistied" according to a croquet historian. A form of croquet was certainly played in Ireland, arriving in England about 1850 where it was organized in the late 1860s. The first open championship was held at Evesham in 1867. Apart from the United States, where the game is played enthusiastically to nineteenth century British rules, the three principal croquet nations are Britain, Australia and New Zealand. Every four years since 1925 there has been a three-country series for the Mac Robertson shield, croquet's equivalent of the Ashes, which Britain won last year. In most versions of garden croquet, the four balls are played in sequence and it is a common tactic to send your opponent's ball to the furthest possible point on the lawn. These are rules and tactics from the early days of croquet. The modern game has developed a much greater tactical variety since the rules were changed in 1913 and again in 1922. It bears the closest resemblance to snooker. The "break" is most

### THE GAME How support at the grass-roots has kept Britain at the top

important, allowing one player to score a number of hoop points without his opponent playing a single shot. Like snooker, the balancing of defensive play (making a break more difficult for the opponent) and attacking play (attempting to make or continue your own break) provides the essential tactical dilemma. In addition, croquet players need a delicate touch and a sense of timing. This year's men's championship begins on Monday at the Hurlingham Club in London and out of a field of 24 leading players, the winner is expected to come from Martin Murray, the current holder, Nigel Aspinall and Steve Mulliner. The author, who captained Britain in Australia last year, might also feature in next Saturday's final! The women's and mixed-doubles championships also begin next week and the favourite to win the women's title is Veronica Carlisle. The strongholds of croquet are in the South with strong clubs at Eastbourne (Compton), Parkstone and Budleigh and in the London area at Roehampton, Harrow and Woking. Colchester, Bristol and Bath all have thriving clubs, but it is in the Midlands and the North where the popularity of the game is increasing the fastest.

In the last few years, the Federation of Northern Clubs and the Federation of West Midlands Clubs have been founded. Edgbaston, Nottingham, Bowden (South Manchester) and Southport are the leading clubs in their areas. In Scotland there are seven registered clubs.

Annual subscriptions at clubs vary but between £20 to £60 is usual, depending upon the facilities. Most clubs will initially lend players a mallet and provide some coaching. But most players will soon want their own mallet and these range in price from £30 to £60. For tournament play, whites are worn with flat-soled shoes. For those wishing to improve their enjoyment of garden croquet, here are two suggestions. First, play to the Association Croquet rules - though not necessarily on a full-size lawn - as they are more interesting. Second, find out what a four-ball break is and learn to play it. If you do this you will be unbeatable until your opponent also finds out. Then the fun really begins!

David Openshaw  
Further information about playing croquet and local clubs is available from:  
The Croquet Association, Hurlingham Club, Ranelagh Gardens, London SW8 (736 3148)  
Federation of Northern Croquet Clubs, the Secretary, 12 Colingham Green, Little Sutton, South Wirral, L66 4NX  
Federation of West Midlands Croquet Clubs, the Secretary, 2 Broom Close, Stoney Hill, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire B60 2NU  
Scottish Croquet Association, the Secretary, 17 Greywar, Sauchie, Clackmannanshire FK10 3ET  
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### HOW TO PLAY

## Right order is everything as you roquet and croquet to the winning post

● The croquet court  
The Association Croquet is played on a lawn five units long by four units wide. In tournaments each unit is seven yards. The game can be played perfectly well on a smaller court by simply reducing the units as required. The game is played between two sides using four coloured balls; each side can consist of one or two players (singles or doubles). One side plays with the blue and black balls, the other with the red and yellow. At the start of a game the sides toss a coin to decide who plays first and who has which balls. In doubles each player must also choose which ball he or she will play with throughout the game. Play is made by striking the ball with a mallet.

The object of the game  
Each side tries to make both his balls go through all the hoops in the correct order and then hit the winning post ("peg") first.

The hoops  
There are six hoops on the court, but in the full game a ball has to go through each hoop twice, once in each direction. It scores a point for running each hoop and for hitting the peg; a total of 13 points. Thus the winning side will score 26 points. The order of the hoops is 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 1-back, 2-back, 3-back, 4-back, penultimate, rovet (see diagram). Clips coloured to match the balls are placed on the appropriate hoops to indicate which hoop each ball has to run next. It is not necessary to play the full game. The 14-point game (hoops 1 to 6 and the peg) is very popular.

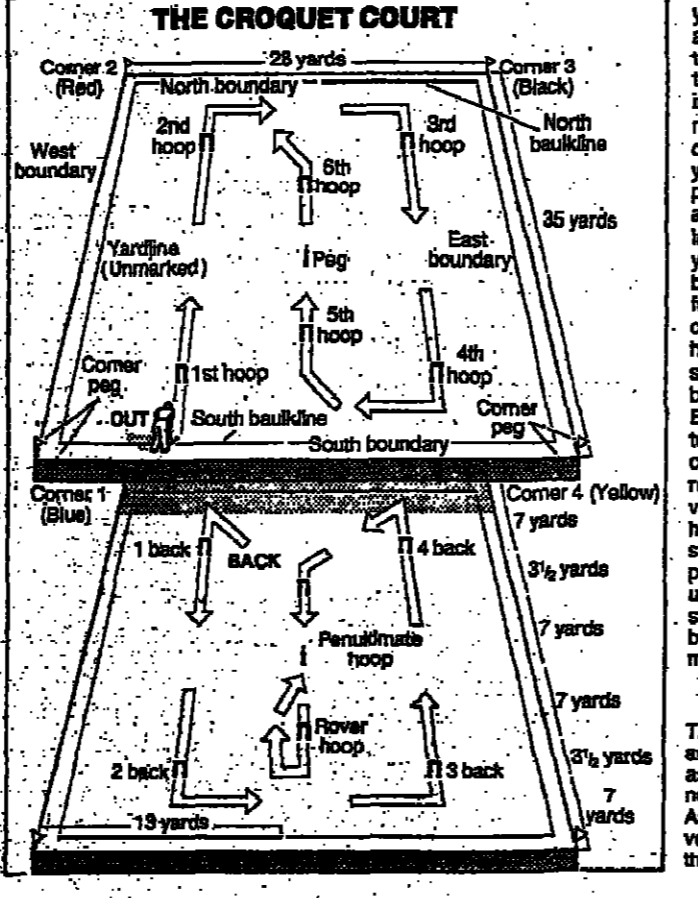
The turn  
The sides take alternate turns. At the start of a turn either ball of a side may be played - the balls do not have to be played in sequence - and the ball that is played is then called the striker's ball. A turn consists initially of only one stroke but it can be extended by either

running the next hoop for the striker's ball (one extra stroke) or hitting any other ball with the striker's ball - called "making a roquet" (two extra strokes). After making a roquet, the striker's ball is picked up and placed in contact with the ball it hit - now called the croquetted ball. In the first extra stroke, the croquet stroke, the striker's ball is hit so that both balls move. You are not allowed to put a foot on either ball or to send either ball off the court (in each case your turn would end).

The second extra stroke is called the continuation stroke. This is an ordinary stroke which is normally used to make another roquet or to run the next hoop. You can roquet and croquet each of the other three balls on the court only once in a turn unless you run the next hoop. Then you get an extra stroke (see above) and the right to roquet and croquet the other balls again. General If a ball (other than the striker's ball) is sent off the court it must be replaced on the yard-line (see diagram) opposite the spot where it went off. The yard-line is not normally marked out and the yard is measured with the help of the player's mallet. The baulk-lines are the portions of the yard-line from which the balls may be played into the game at the start and when a "fir-shot" is awarded. If a player finds at the start of his turn that the other side has placed his ball in such a position that he has no clear shot at any other ball, he is said to be "wired" (snookered) and is entitled to a fir-shot. He may then take his ball to either baulk line and play it from there.

The break  
Your intention should be to score several points in one turn - to make a break. Suppose you are playing blue which is for hoop 1. You might start by roqueting a ball (say, red), using the croquet stroke you have earned to send it somewhere useful (eg near hoop 2, the next hoop but one for blue) and blue within range of another ball (say, black, your partner ball). Then, in the continuation stroke, you can roquet black and earn another two strokes. You might use the croquet stroke to put black near the peg (a generally useful position in a break) and blue towards the remaining ball, yellow. In the continuation stroke you can roquet yellow, hopefully as near as possible to hoop 1, and earn yet another two strokes. In the croquet stroke that follows you would send yellow a little way beyond hoop 1 and blue right in front of the hoop. Then, in the continuation stroke, you can run hoop 1 with blue, earn one extra stroke and the right to use all the balls again. By roqueting yellow, croqueting it to hoop 3 (now the next hoop but one for blue) and travelling up to red (waiting conveniently at hoop 2) via black at the peg, you can run hoop 2 as well, indeed, by this stopping-stone sequence of placing the other three balls in useful positions with the croquet strokes, known as the four-ball break, it is quite possible to run as many hoops as you like in one turn.

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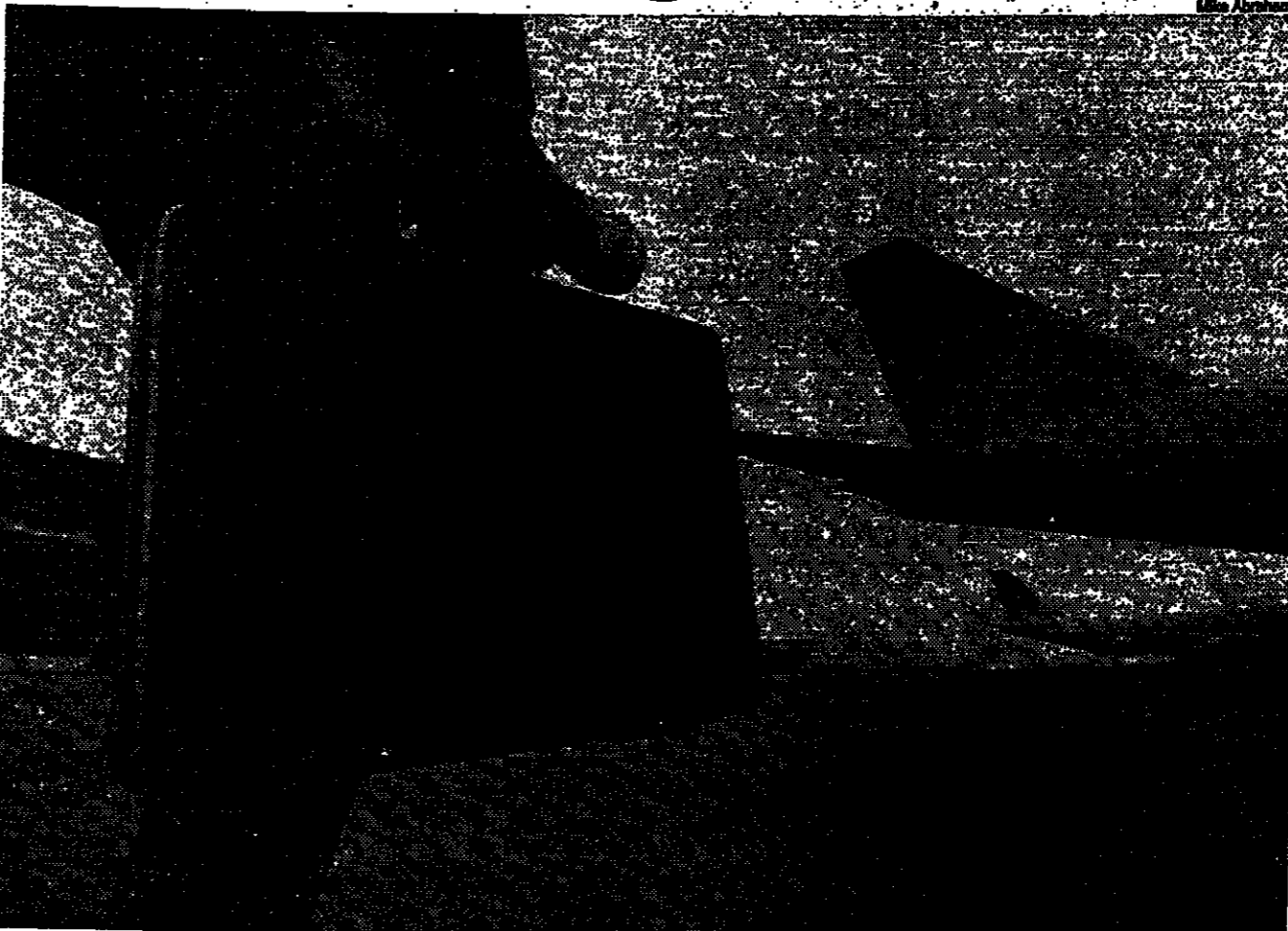
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# How to pare fares and cut through the confusion

This week we begin a new, monthly series of articles to take you effortlessly through the tricky world of travel and set you down, financially

speaking, as lightly as possible. Alex McWhirter, travel editor of *The Business Traveller*, flies you first out of the European air fares jungle



Sometimes expensive, European air fares can also be remarkably cheap. On most holiday routes out of the United Kingdom, for example, you can travel by air for less than the price of a second-class train ticket.

The big breakthrough in low-cost European air travel came a few years ago with the introduction of cut-price "seat-only" fares. The government allowed these "cheapsies" to be sold in conjunction with vouchers for minimal accommodation at the destination (which passengers are not expected to use).

Seat-only sales are now a booming sector of the travel scene and the charters are cutting into a market once dominated by the scheduled carriers. As people understand the market better the tendency has been to book late, and so prices have fallen further.

Airlines, whether charter or scheduled, cannot sell their special low price, seat-only fares direct to the public; they must be marketed through tour operators or specialized travel agents.

In theory any travel agent can sell you one of these cheapsies; in practice too many just do not understand the market. This means that the average traveller has to shop around for the best deals - the best place to start being in the classified columns of the national press or London's *Standard*.

There are essentially five types of seat-only deals.

### Proclamation fares

Leaving aside the pricey Euro-budget fare - mostly favoured by business travellers - these go under the names of Excursion, APEX, PEX and Superpex. Booking conditions vary from destination to destination. For some countries you must book one month ahead, others require 14 days, while some

have no advance booking. All fares have different minimum/maximum stay restrictions. Most are issued for return travel only and cancellation charges are steep. Increasingly, these fares, which are sold through airline ticket offices and high street travel agents, are becoming a poor buy compared to the seat-only specials. Individuals, but not necessarily a family, could lose out buying one of these fares. Unlike the seat-only deals, many airline promotional fares have generous child discounts.

### "Consolidation" fares

Specialist tour operators book blocks of seats on scheduled flights which they then sell to individuals at a considerable discount. This enables you to travel on the same flights more cheaply and with fewer restrictions than with a ticket an airline itself can sell you.

The two main operators are London-based Slade Travel and Falcon. Each markets seat-only deals to 100 or so destinations throughout Europe. There are several smaller operators also specializing in individual countries. Consolidation fares are for return travel only and they are valid for stays of anything from a weekend/six nights to a month.

### Fifth Freedom

Certain routes - chiefly those from London to Zurich, Frankfurt and Rome - are served by long-haul airlines heading for destinations further afield. Many of these airlines have special rights inside Europe, a concession known as a "fifth freedom" traffic right. It's difficult for such airlines to get passengers to pay the full fares; so rather than having empty space on the first/last leg of their long flights, empty seats are sold off at heavily discounted prices.

Provided your travel plans fit in with their flight schedules, you can travel in wide-bodied comfort at charter prices. Such tickets are normally sold through bucket shops, although any travel agent worth his salt can also supply them.

### Seat-only charter

Charter flights operate mostly to the sunspots of Europe and seats are retailed by tour operators either to individuals direct or through travel agents. Large operators like Thomson, Cosmos and Horizon all have subsidiaries selling off surplus charter seats. Companies like Pegasus market a proper seat-only "Skybus" programme with scheduled-style charter flights operating to cities in Italy, Spain, Germany and Austria. The charter airline Air Europe went ahead and established its own travel company to sell its seats direct to the public on the high street.

Restrictions vary from airline to airline, route to route. Normally return tickets (except for the Pegasus programme) are valid for stays in multiples of one to four weeks. Charters do not operate as frequently as scheduled flights but they offer a wider choice of departure airports and serve more destinations.

Remember that most charter fares do not include airport taxes. You must allow an extra £10 when calculating the final price.

### Knockdown seats

Nothing is quite as perishable as an airline seat. Once the plane door shuts that empty seat is worthless. But marketing these empty seats is an expert's job and hence it is handled by charter seat brokers. These specialist agents receive daily availability reports from the large tour operators and depending on supply and demand

these last-minute seats are sold off to the public at drastically reduced prices. The discount is often one third off the cheapest charter price and half off the lowest scheduled fare.

Bargains like these are more easily obtainable outside peak travel times. Last minute availability is widely advertised in the national press. If you are flexible this is an ideal way to travel cheaply.

### Italy

Scheduled: Best buy are the consolidation fares with Alitalia which cost little more than charter fares. These are marketed by Pilgrim-Air and C.I.T. Typical return fares sold by Pilgrim-Air are: Milan £117, Turin £117, Venice £126, Pisa £124, Rome £127, Bologna £133, Naples £143. Weekend

surcharges apply. London-based Euro Ascan Travel offers "fifth freedom" discounts to Rome with flights by Japan Airlines costing £120 return, with Kenya Airways £125 and with Ethiopian also £125.

Charter: Main operators include Pegasus Skybus and Pilgrim-Air. Besides the main cities, charters also cover destinations such as Alghero, Brindisi, Cagliari, Catania, Lamezia, Palermo and Rimini. The Pegasus charters can be booked both on a one-way (under the guise of "Special Break") and return basis. You can stay away for any length of time between two and thirty-six days and "open-jaw" (fly to one destination, return from another) arrangements are allowed. A Special Break fare to Venice costs £74, a return fare £119. The same fares to Palermo are £89 and £149 respectively.

### Spain

Scheduled: British Airways' APEX and Iberia's "Money-saver" are the cheapest fares available but seats are limited and you must book well in advance. These fares are not sold in the summer peak - July to September. Sample prices: Barcelona £101, Palma £105, Valencia £108, Mahon £108 and Malaga £139.

Charter: Prices fluctuate depending on departure airport and flight schedules. There is a huge selection and you must shop around to get the best deal. Air Europe operates charters from nine United Kingdom airports. Sample return fares: Palma £86, Ibiza £91, Mahon £91, Gerona £79, Alicante £81 and Malaga £102.

Iberian Service sells flights to the cities. Sample fares: Barcelona £102, Madrid £105 and Malaga £125. All include taxes. As you might expect there are plenty of late booking deals. In June, Vivair quotes the following inclusive prices: Alicante £65, Barcelona £90, Palma £80 to £104 (huge range), Gerona £85 and Ibiza £95.

### Greece

Scheduled: British Airways' late booking fare of £85 one-way, £107 return, is cheapest. Normal PEX fares are £195 return. Falcon charges £192 for Athens

while Slade's prices range from £178 to £210. Except for Corfu there are no direct scheduled flights to the islands so you have to travel via Athens with a consequent increase in fare. Typical Slade/Falcon fares to Heraklion and Rhodes are around the £210 mark while Corfu costs £189.

Charter: As with Spain this is another shop-around market and charters are the most convenient way of reaching the islands. Typical Air Europe fares are: Athens £128, Kos £156, Corfu £125, Heraklion £135 and Rhodes £146.

### South of France

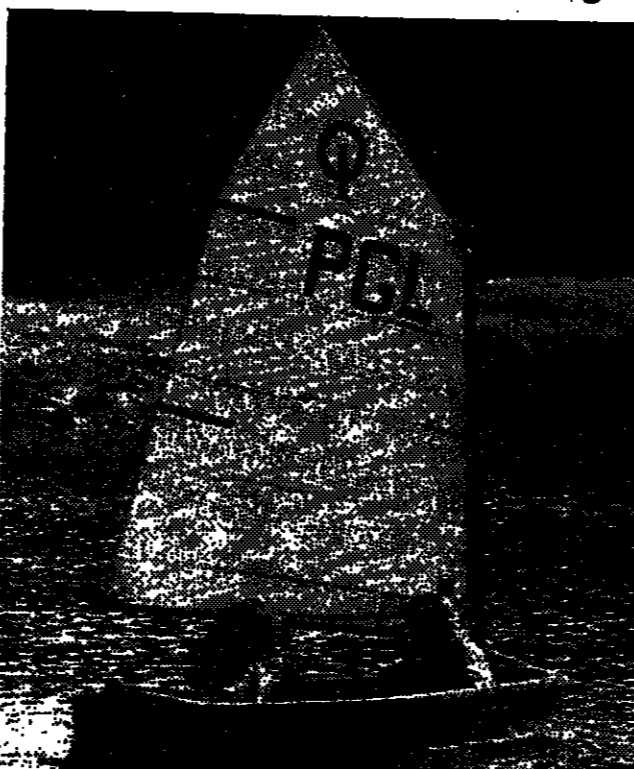
Scheduled: British Airways and Air France fly to most destinations. Dan Air serves Montpellier, Toulouse and Perpignan. Once again the consolidation fares offered by Slade and Falcon undercut the cheapest airline prices. Sample Falcon prices: Bordeaux £102, Marseilles £123, Nice £117 to £129, Perpignan £129 and Toulouse £107 to £117.

Charter: France restricts charter flights and those few that are allowed mostly operate to Nice. Sample prices: Air Europe £97 and Falcon £99. With so few flights, getting a seat can be a problem. With all these discounts available why should anyone choose to pay full fare? The main reason is flexibility. Full fare tickets allow you to change flights and dates without penalty. You can also make stops on route for no extra cost. But these privileges are expensive. The full unrestricted fare to Athens will set you back £560 - almost five times the cost of a charter flight.

Agents: Slade Travel, 202 0111; Falcon Travel, 221 6298/0088; Vivair, 638 6488; Air Europe, 730 8848 or 061228 0277; Italy: Pilgrim Air, 637 5311; C.I.T., 686 5538; Pegasus Skybus, 370 6851; Euro-Ascan Travel, 499 8615; Spain: Iberian Service, 278 8094; Greece: Olympic Holidays, 229 2411.

## The thrills of a holiday without Mum and Dad

Ronald Faux's schoolgirl daughters revel in the exciting outdoor activities of adventure camps



We had no wish to be rid of the children but we had reached one of those subtle partings of the ways. After years of family holidays the time had arrived when our two daughters had developed their own ideas of what constituted an excellent holiday and those ideas did not coincide with ours. No hard feelings, but perhaps a short separation might concentrate a few minds on real values.

The girls are aged 13 and 11, both of them independent spirited characters well used to sailing, hill walking and holidays in the outdoors. They went separately to centres run by Peter Gordon Lawrence's organization, PGL, which is the best known for holidays for adventurous youngsters. Sarah, aged 13, had already been on two riding holidays with friends but this was the first time away from home with complete strangers.

Tan Troed, the PGL centre in the Brecon Beacons, which runs an excellent course on "mountain activities" with the emphasis on rock climbing and hill walking, was fully booked so an overspill course based at Monmouth Girls' High School was arranged. This involved a 40-minute drive each morning across the

Welsh border to the Pegasus Riding Centre where Sarah took charge of a blue roan called Misty. It was fine countryside for pony trekking through forests and along country lanes with the occasional chance of a good gallop. Three instructors had charge of 20 children aged 12 to 15 and comparing the

experience with her earlier riding holidays, Sarah was impressed with the organization and the standard of instruction. What she did not like was being sent alone to join a group of strangers, although PGL staff are more adept than most parents at putting youngsters at their ease. "Groupies", as the

group leaders are called, take charge of up to 20 children and keep them occupied, entertained, active and out of mischief. "It wasn't just pony riding. There were lots of other things including tennis, swimming, canoeing and all kinds of games. There was a 'slave market' where we bid for our 'markies' with Mars Bars. One had to sing a silly song with a traffic beacon on his head. Another went into the swimming pool after hopping about in mud, and another got covered in shaving foam. It was good fun," Sarah noted in her diary.

Catherine, who is naturally more extrovert, spent the same week at PGL's main centre at Boreatton Park near Shrewsbury and enjoyed the holiday without reservation. It was billed as a multi-activity adventure holiday and involved the children in a whirl of activities including sailing, archery, abseiling down cliffs, shooting, grass-skiing, fishing and an assault course complete with death slide.

"There were cat-walks across alligator swamps, lots of falling into muddy ditches and crawling down stinky pipes, that sort of thing," Catherine recalled with relish. PGL staff lay great emphasis on safety and there is a high visitor-teacher ratio in all the activities. Catherine enjoyed being left to get on with it once she had been shown how to sail a small dinghy across the lake or roll downhill on grass skis. She

had already been taught to abseil down a cliff face and so could amuse the others in her group with a nervous plunge over the edge.

"Only two children actually went home during the holiday - they were boys. There was no television and everyone was too tired at night to do anything but sleep. The teachers were good. Each had his own reputation but they knew what children liked doing and helped them do it." Simple, really, and that is the PGL formula for success.

Peter Gordon Lawrence founded PGL 26 years ago. It has grown into one of the main organizations in Europe providing holidays for young people aged six to eighteen years. The holidays are designed to entertain, instruct and challenge youngsters and the "groupies" are chosen for their teaching abilities and experience in dealing with young people. With a staff-visitor

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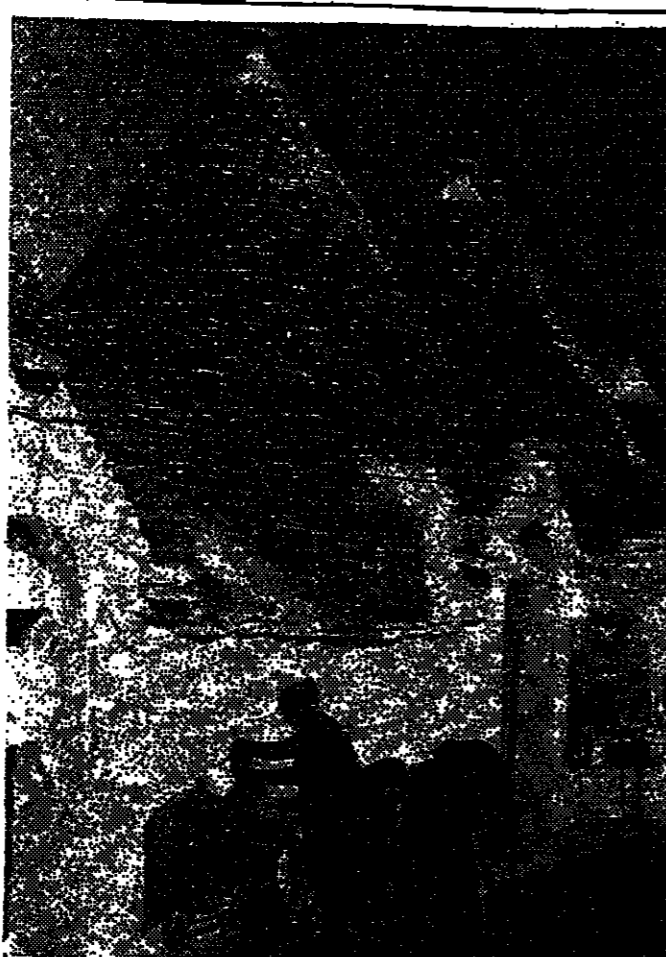
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Fiery reportage confirms Weir's mastery of mayhem

The specific year in Peter Weir's new film 'The Year of Living Dangerously' is 1965, the place, Indonesia - quaking with the unrest that finally unseats President Sukarno. But principal characters in the Australian director's striking output never have an easy life wherever they are. Passing motorists in 'The Cars That Ate Paris' (1974) fell prey to bandish accidents, turn-of-the-century schoolgirls in 'Picnic at Hanging Rock' (1975) vanished into the eerie landscape. Supernatural weather drenched Richard Chamberlain in 'The Last Wave' (1977), while the soldiers of 'Gallipoli' (1981) were swamped by the cruel facts of the First World War.



Danger zone: Mel Gibson and Sigourney Weaver meet in stormy Indonesia

Critics' choice

CONFIDENCE (15) Gata, Bloombury... LE JOUR SE LEVE (15) Academy 3 Oxford Street... LOCAL HERO (PG) Odion Kensington... RETURN OF THE JEDI (U) Leicester Square Theatre... GANDHI (PG) Odion Kensington... PHOTOGRAPHED IN THE MAHATMA... PASSION (16) Camden Plaza... THE PLOUGHMAN'S LUNCH (15) Gate Notting Hill... RISE TO POWER OF LOUIS XIV ICA Cinema... SOPHIE'S CHOICE (15) ABC Bayswater

Opera

On Thursday at the Jubilee Hall the youthful George Benjamin gives the world premiere of Britten's 'Sonatina Romantica' of 1940. Throughout the festival there are screenings of some of the films for which Britten wrote music, from 'Coal Face' (1935) to 'Before the Flood' (1972). There also are three opera forums, all devoted to Britten, and various lectures, some of which have no connection with him at all.

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Dance

FESTIVAL BALLET Coliseum (836 3161) until June 25, 7.30 pm, night, not Sun; matinee Sat at 2.30 pm. Unit Thursday, John Field's 'Swan Lake' is shown with different casts for every performance. It had terrible notices but packs the house. Next Friday, two premieres, 'Dances from Napoli' staged and danced by Peter Schaufuss, and Ben Stevenson's 'Four Last Songs'; they are given with Etudes.

Britten in a corner of Suffolk

The thirty-sixth Aldeburgh Festival opened yesterday, but its first big event, a performance of Britten's opera 'The Turn of the Screw' conducted by George Malcolm and produced by Basil Coleman, is to be held tonight, at the Snape Maltings. Tomorrow the 'War Requiem' will be given under Simon Rattle at St Edmundsbury Cathedral. Bury St Edmunds, on Monday back at Snape, the distinguished pianist Mieczyslaw Horowitz, who is less well known here than he should be, plays Bach, Chopin and Szymanowski.

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NOAKES, BENNETT June 13, 7.30pm, Wigmore Hall. Anna Noakes and Dina Bennett give the world premiere of Joseph David's piece for flute and electric piano, and also play Jolivet's 'Chant de Linde', Poulenc's 'Sonata', Prokofiev's 'Sonata No 2', Henze's 'Sonatina', a Schubert Nocturne. ALLEN, MOLE June 15, 7.30pm, Roehampton Hill Chapel, Roehampton Hill, London NW3 (840 8334). The world premiere of Giles Eastbrook's 'Out of the Purple' is given by Geraldine Allen and Gavin Mole. Their programme includes other clarinet-and-piano classics such as Dunhill's 'Phantasy Op 91', Berg's 'Vier Stücke Op 5', Poulenc's 'Sonata' and Brahms's 'Sonata Op 120 No 2.

Rock & Jazz

MARY WELLS/MARVELETTES Wed, Dingwall, Camden Lock, Chalk Farm Road, London NW1 (287 4967). If this is the real Mary Wells, and if the Marvelettes contain at least one of the girls who sang the lead parts on her hits, this might just be a terrific night. Miss Wells's sultry voice was a vehicle for Smokey Robinson's early compositions, including the classic 'Two Lovers'. Sadly she left Motown just after her biggest hit, 'My Guy', and just as the label was turning into an international phenomenon. For Miss Wells, it was her last taste of the really big time; her role as Motown's leading lady was immediately assumed by Diana Ross, with obvious results. The Marvelettes were never one of Motown's star groups, but they worked with the best producers and put their name to a string of minor classics: 'Please Mr Postman', 'I'll Keep Holding On', 'Anger Heartbreak Dead Ahead', 'Too Many Fish in the Sea', 'The Hunter Gets Captured by the Game', 'My Baby Must Be a Magician' and so on. Let us hope Gladys Horton, the best of all their lead singers, is present.

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Bridge

My tipping takes a turn for the worse

The finals of the Sobranie Challenge for the club championship of Great Britain 1983 were played at the Park Lane Hotel, London...

The excitement started before a card was played. Peter Razzagette, the producer of BBC's television series "Grand Slam", announced that the BBC had decided to involve club players in the next series...

The Southampton - Sutherland established an early lead, despite an unimpressive result on this hand...

Love all. Dealer East.

Hand 1 bridge deal showing cards for both sides.

North-South tip-toed through the daisies to the uncomfortable contract of four hearts...

The next hand provided a wide variety of results.

Hand 2 bridge deal showing cards for both sides.

The majority played in 6NT, and with one unfortunate exception made 12 tricks...

Despite North's forcing response of two spades, West made the deceptive lead of the 7. Declarer played low from dummy and took East's 10 with his 4A...

Everything hung on his decision in the spade suit. Unhappily, he allowed West's deceptive opening lead to influence him to reject the finesse...

Jeremy Flint

CATHEDRAL CAMPS advertisement with logo and text about preserving national heritage.

Today

TROOPING THE COLOUR: All tickets have been allocated by ballot, but it is still possible to stand along the route...

WORKING CLOTHES OF NORTHERN ENGLAND: The busy life of the miner, the farmworker, the fishwife, the gamekeeper and other working folk illustrated through photographs and actual items of dress...

GREENWICH FESTIVAL: Concerts in the beautiful chapel of the Royal Naval College, St. Augustin Church, where Henry VIII was baptised...

BMW TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS: The grass courts Devonshire Park, Eastbourne, afford some of the world's leading women players their last chance of competition before Wimbledon...

CARPET BAZAAR: Hundreds of carpets go under the hammer in London this week, most of them on view throughout the weekend...

Tomorrow

OLD FITZ: Centenary portrait of Edward Fitzgibbon, based on the letters he wrote to friends like Thackeray, Tennyson and Carlyle...

CANADIAN GRAND PRIX: A deflated rear tyre cost Nelson Piquet almost certain victory in Detroit last week but he is only one point behind Alain Prost in the motor racing drivers' world championship...



The Queen: Trooping the Colour today; Horse Guards Parade, 11am

Monday

ENGLISH SILVER: Any lover of real silver with about £50,000 to spare could try to spend it on the ideal receptacle in this sale...

EDMUND KEANE: Ben Kingsley's superb portrayal of the eighteenth-century actor and disolute returns to the London stage for a short season...

A NEW WAY TO PAY OLD DEBTS: The true stuff of Jacobean comedy: a powerful uncle swindles his nephew out of his rightful inheritance...

THE ADJECTIVES OF HISTORY: Thought not quite so spectacular as their own exhibition of Renaissance wonders and curiosities last year, this show at Colnaghi is full of rare, splendid and extraordinary things...

Tuesday

HENRY VIII: Shakespeare's bold but rarely played play of recent history. Directed by Howard Davies, with Richard Griffiths, Gemma Jones, John Thaw...

THE FALKLANDS EXPERIENCE: On the first anniversary of Argentina's surrender to British forces, an attempt to get away from the politics and strategy of the conflict...

PICTURE HOUSE: The National Museum of Photography, Film and Television opens its doors to the public...

HENRY MOORE: The grand old man of British sculpture is 85 on July 30 and still working away indefatigably. This birthday tribute therefore includes a lot of new work...

HOUSE OF THE LONG SHADOWS: Peter Walker's spook horror film in which a young author finds events at Bald Pale Manor inspiration for a novel...

PERSONAL BEST: Mariel Hemingway and Patrice Donnelly play two athletes competing in the Olympic trials of 1980 who develop a lesbian friendship in a new film written and directed by Robert Towne...

PAULINE ON THE BEACH: Eric Rohmer's new film follows the fortunes of a young divorcee (Arielle Dombasle) who encounters an old flame on a seaside holiday and begins romance with his friend...

THE YEAR OF LIVING DANGEROUSLY: Peter Weir's new film (see page 7) comes early series starring Rowan Atkinson and Peter Cook which uses the 500th anniversary of the accession of Richard III as an excuse to re-write English history...

EXIT THE KING: Eugenio Ionesco's sympathetic treatment of the human condition, symbolized by a life as he moves towards death. Directed by Christopher Fettes...

ROMEO AND JULIET: New radio production, in stereo, recorded and partly on location at Rotherhithe Hall, Hertfordshire...

THE WEEK AHEAD

Large advertisement for Cathedral Camps featuring a photograph of a cathedral interior and text about the camps.

Waxing lyrical: Salisbury Cathedral where volunteers will strip varnish from the marble floor of the high altar

Family Life

SCHOOLBOYS' SOCCER ENGLAND VS SCOTLAND: Wembley Stadium, Wembley, Middlesex, today, 3.30pm. Tickets £4, £2.50 or £1 standing (902 1234) or if still available at tourist information centres...

OPEN DAY, ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS: Trafalgar Square, London WC2, today, Free. St Martin's is very much an "open church", possibly renowned more for the calling pastorate of Dick Sheppard...

SOUTH OF ENGLAND AGRICULTURAL SHOW: The Showground, Ardingly, Haywards Heath, West Sussex, today, 9am-5pm. Adults £3.50, children £1, car parking £2. Six hundred trade and craft stands, flower and food displays...

DRESS COLLECTION: Victoria & Albert Museum, Cromwell Road, London SW7. Today onwards: Mon-Thurs and Sat, 10am-5.30pm. Sun, 2.30-5.30pm. Free. Fascinating new collection with more than 200 dresses from the early seventeenth century...

DURHAM REGATTA: River Wear, Durham City, today and tomorrow, 11am-6pm. One of the oldest rowing regattas in the country (four years older than Henley) first held in 1834...

SSAFA AIR DISPLAY: River Church, Tadcaster, North Yorkshire, tomorrow, 10am-5pm. Adults £2, children £1 to 14 £1.30, car plus occupants £5. Organized by and in aid of the Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Families Association...

WILD WEST DISPLAY: SILVER DOLLAR PLACING OUTFIT: Bolvoir Castle, nr Grantham, Leicestershire, tomorrow, noon-6pm. Adults £1.80, children 50p. Specially constructed Wild West town plus inhabitants. Gun fights, hangings, cowboys and Indians engaged in "friendly" combat...

VENTNOR SMUGGLING PAGEANT: Isle of Wight, Mon until June 18. A week of festivities begins on Monday evening with the landing of contraband by smugglers and a chase by excisemen and militia. Smugglers' games on the beach (Tue), eighteenth-century cricket match (Wed), tea party (Thurs), trial of the smugglers with mock lashings, hangings and shootings (Fri) and a street market day and, weather permitting, smugglers' ball (Sat)...

SEASON: Nuffield Theatre, Toilethorpe Hall, Little Casterton, nr Stamford, Lincolnshire. Mon until July 30. Mon-Thurs 8pm, Fri and Sat 9pm. Adults £2.50 (June) £3.50 (July), children £1.50. Performances of Richard II and Love's Labour's Lost, given by Stamford Shakespeare Company (amateur) in the natural amphitheatre at Toilethorpe - a sixteenth-century Elizabethan manor house. Open stage but canopied auditorium...

ROYAL ARTILLERY TATTOO: Woolwich Barracks, Woolwich, Fri, 7pm, June 18, 2.30pm & 7pm, June 19, 2.30pm. Tickets £1 and £1.50 from the Greenwich Festival box office or credit card bookings (317 6867/855 880). The horses and guns of the King's Troop Royal Horse Artillery in a spectacular musical drive plus many other arena displays - free-fall parachuting, motor cycles, decorated bands, police-dog demonstrations...

Chess

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STOCK EXCHANGES

Index 717.1 up 0.7 ... Nikkei Dow Jones ... Hang Seng index ... Dow Jones Indus- Average (latest) 1197.02

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Domestic rates: ... 6-month interbank 10 1/4% ... 90-day Treasury bill 8 1/2%

WALL STREET

Day of strong gains

New York (AP-Dow Jones) Stocks showed strong gains over a broad front and the Dow Jones Industrial average rose 5.81 to 1,194.81. Advancing issues were more than 2 to 1 ahead of declines in active trading.

Mr Charles C. Reilly, senior vice-president at Arnholt & S. Mischler, said: "The market indices look fairly good. The breadth is good and bonds are a touch on the upside. Investor concerns about a rise in interest rates seem to be subsiding."

"The market is in satisfactory condition for a while even though it has become fairly speculative which argues for a correction some time ahead," Mr Reilly said.

Mr Charles M. Lewis of Shearson-American Express said that the market's intense concern about whether Mr Paul Volcker would be reappointed as Fed's chairman was likely to be decided by early July, well ahead of the August 5 expiry of his current term.

Mr Lewis said: "No body ever makes more money in the market than under Mr Volcker."

Republic Airlines led the active list, up 1/4 to 7 3/4. General Motors was ahead 1/2 at 68 1/2. American Express rose 1/4 to 107 1/2. General Electric was off 1/4 at 54 1/2. International Business Machines rose 1/2 to 114. Procter & Gamble was up 1/2 at 54 1/2 and Federal National Mortgage was unchanged at 25.

Reuters still undecided

By Graham Searjeant

Nothing will be decided about the future ownership of Reuters before the autumn, Sir Denis Hamilton, Reuters' chairman, said yesterday after the company's annual meeting, held behind closed doors in the City.

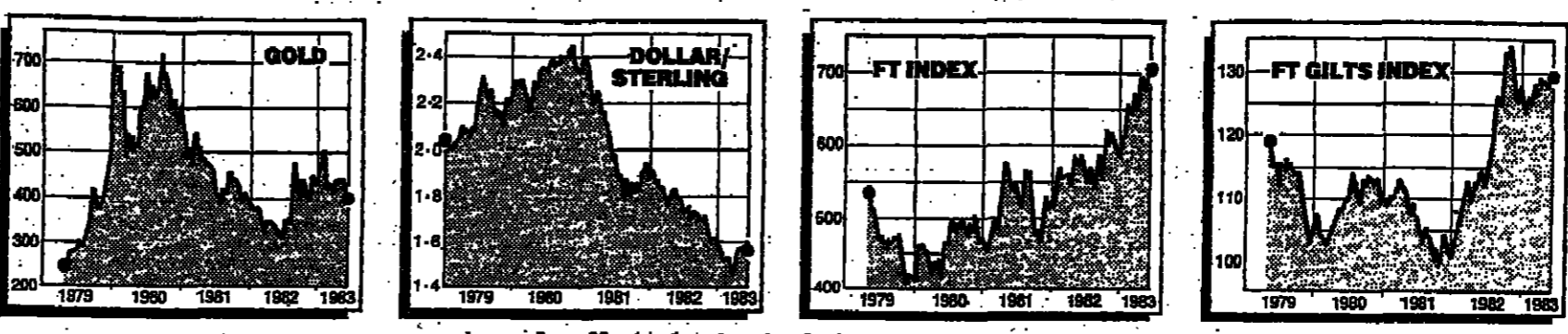
"We realize that our shareholders have their own reasonable aspirations," Sir Denis said earlier in the board's "taking its time" to find the best way to retain its independence, finance expansion and channel some of the enormous new found value of Reuters to the newspaper groups which indirectly own it through the Press Association, the Newspaper Publishers Association and their Australasian equivalents.

There is likely to be extended uncertainty in the market for newspaper shares, many of which are highly dependent on the possible value of their stakes in Reuters thought to be worth at least £600m if conventionally quoted on the Stock Exchange.

Apart from bickering among members of the NPA, and the need to stop Reuters' news agency services falling under anyone's control, the main stumbling block is now the need to use some of Reuters' profits to pay for the loss making Press Association news service.

Meanwhile, Reuters is to launch a variety of new services to give subscribers to its financial information on its monitor screens access to historical data. Mr Glen Reiff, the managing director, said yesterday that the Monitor would offer services on bonds for investment analysis by the end of the year and on company results and statistics. Subscribers will also be able to call up an archive of newspaper files.

Building societies schedule emergency meeting CBI welcomes Thatcher's return with call for interest rates cut



By Peter Wilson-Smith and Baron Phillips

The prospect of an early cut in bank base rates was thrust firmly into the political arena yesterday as the Confederation of British Industry called on the Government to lower borrowing costs.

In a statement welcoming the reelection of the Government, the CBI warned of the dangers of an overvalued pound and urged the Government to reduce interest rates.

At the same time the building societies gave notice of an emergency meeting on June 22 to decide whether to raise mortgage rates.

There was growing optimism in some parts of the City yesterday that base rates could soon fall from 10 per cent - possibly as early as next week.

However, the clearing banks will want to see either a clear signal from the Bank of England or firmer evidence that wholesale money rates are on a downward path before reaching a decision.

Britain's homeowners face the bleak prospect of higher mortgage repayments from July unless there is a fall in interest rates. Mr Herbert Walden, chairman of the Building Societies Association Council, said yesterday the members believed it was wrong to take a decision until the financial markets had the opportunity to settle following the election. But he said: "If nothing happens between now and Wednesday week to general interest rates then we will have to take some action to alter our present rates structure."

It has been widely felt for some time that building societies' interest rates could rise by 1 per cent unless bank base rates fall to 9 per cent. But it now looks likely that rates could rise by 1.5 points to 11.5 per cent.

At yesterday's council meeting the Building Societies Association confirmed the net cash inflows had fallen for the sixth successive month to just £31m in May compared with the £700m the societies say they need to maintain lending levels. Borrowers who take out an average £17,000 mortgage will face extra payments of £1.65 a month if the rate rises by one point in 12 days while new loans of £25,000 would attract an extra £11.25 a month.

In the money markets rates have been edging lower but the Bank of England gave no sign yesterday it was ready to encourage a drop in interest rates.

After the recent election euphoria, financial markets took the Conservative victory calmly. Sterling, after a volatile night, closed at \$1,570.00, down 0.05 cents and down 0.5 at \$6.9 on its trade weighted index. The stock market edged up 0.7 yesterday to a closing record of 717.1.

Another boardroom resignation was announced yesterday at Greenbank Trust, the troubled investment and finance concern, which is under investigation by the Department of Trade.

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The promised deal, which includes United Kingdom investment properties and trading situations, ran into difficulties when the Department of Trade moved in three months ago, but Mr Kelly says he is hopeful that it will soon be successfully concluded.

"I would hesitate to put a value on the deal but it will be substantially in excess of Greenbank's original asset value of £850,000. We are going to try and get the properties to the exchange state in four to six weeks' time and should be able to put the package before shareholders then."

Mr Kelly also said that the long overdue 1982 figures for Greenbank should be ready for shareholders by the middle of July.

Mr Kelly says that there will be further negotiation on its Spanish property development this week. He is optimistic that a deal can be put together which will benefit Greenbank shareholders.

City Comment

Testing the Volcker climate

The financial powers on Wall Street appear to be winning the battle to have Mr Paul Volcker, chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, reappointed for a second term.

Mr Volcker has made his reputation with tough control of the money supply and his willingness to withstand the political pressure from the White House and Congress, which felt his inflexibility was first pushing the country into recession, then hampering its efforts to recover.

Thus Mr Volcker made a lot of political enemies, with the result that President Reagan showed a marked unwillingness to reappoint him when his present term ends in August.

Now, however, the tide appears to be flowing Mr Volcker's way. In the inner circle of White House aides the change of mood became apparent this week when Mr Donald Regan, the Financial Secretary to the Treasury, was far more complimentary about Mr Volcker's performance than he had been at the Williamsburg summit.

And yesterday, Mr Preston Martin, vice-chairman of the Fed and a man whom many had considered a candidate for the job, said that he believed Mr Volcker would get another term.

But it is not quite all out and dried. Mr Reagan is concerned that reappointing Mr Volcker might prove electorally unpopular and might therefore harm his own chances.

So his aides are now testing the climate among the conservative elements in Congress and this may take a few days.

Assuming the political opposition evaporates, Wall Street will have its way, and financial markets will breathe a sigh of relief. For while they may not like Mr Volcker, they do trust and respect him.

Pilkington improves on home ground

By Jonathan Clare

Pilkington Brothers, the St Helens glass maker, has made a trading profit, in its first operations for the first time in three years.

These businesses, which include products for the building and automotive industries, improved their second half performance by £13m compared with poor first half results.

Extraordinary costs of £12.3m from redundancies leave the British operations with a loss of £24.4m for the year against the previous loss of £41.3m.

The improvement came particularly in the last quarter and the trend is continuing, but Pilkington expects again to have redundancy costs of about £12m for the present year.

Imports from France and Belgium remain a problem and during the period from January to May 1982, Pilkington's share of the home market dropped from 55 per cent to 50 per cent. This decline has been reversed and it should again achieve 55 per cent during the present year, though this is still far below the 75 per cent of five years ago.

The encouraging overall results sent the shares up by more than one-third to 258p. The City had expected the second half to be almost as poor as the first and the profits of £49.9m came as a surprise.

Carless in £20.6m cash call

By Jeremy Warner

Carless Capel and Leonard, the oil company with a large stake in the Humby Grove oil field in Hampshire, yesterday launched a rights issue to raise £20.6m. New shares are being offered at 155p on the basis of two for every nine held.

Announcing pre-tax profits for the year to the end of March, up from £1.79m to £2.74m, the company said it will have spent £11m on exploration in Britain and \$16m (£10m) on exploration and production in the United States. The company said it was raising the new money "to enable it to develop its successes and to acquire an interest in the Wych Farn oilfield".

The Humby Grove oilfield is expected to be in production and generating cash flow by early 1985. Meanwhile, the company said that in the United States it has improved on the high drilling success rate achieved in 1982.

At the end of March the book value of the United States properties was £12.6m and the appraisal value was nearly three times that amount at £33m.

Director resigns at troubled Greenbank

By Our Financial Staff

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Provisional liquidator for Commarco

By Michael Prest

Proposals for the FBA are before potential members and could be formally discussed within a few weeks. The FBA is intended to be a self-regulating body which will embrace, with the Bank of England's blessing, all member firms of existing commodity, futures exchanges, and it is hoped, other commodity broking firms.

Mr Mark Harvy, the chairman of Commarco who indirectly owns 75 per cent of the company, said yesterday that notice of a creditors' meeting to be held within a fortnight, would be posted by Monday.

He, however, declined to say where the company had run into trouble.

Commarco is the first of the 260 members of LIFFE to face liquidation.

Self-made millionaire is mystery bidder Sotheby knight lifts his visor

By Geraldine Norman Sale Room Correspondent

"I guess you wouldn't understand what buying this company seems like to an American," Mr Alfred Taubman said yesterday after announcing his intention to bid for the Sotheby Parke Bernet art auctioneering group. "It is like coming over here and buying the throne. Sotheby is an institution."

Mr Taubman, who is 58, has a fringe of wavy grey hair framing a tanned face. He is tall and plumpish in a dark business suit, with cuffs of knotted gold, the only visible sparkle of wealth. He has been identified as one of the 10 richest men in the US by Forbes magazine. He thinks he said I was worth around \$550m but that kind of calculation is just nonsense," he said yesterday.

He intends to offer something over the £60m bid for Sotheby's made by Knoll International Holdings without recourse to borrowing. "I wouldn't say I had it in ready cash. But there's a little difference between assets and cash really, is there?"

To underline the point, he explains that he was the second largest shareholder in a partnership which sold its investment in the Irvine Ranch for a cool \$1bn (£533m) two months ago. "I put the deal together and I got a lot of publicity in '977," he says. "The investment had cost us \$30m."

AGREEMENT: Fitch...

Fitch fell food group will get £8m cash within three weeks in the sale of its Key Markets unit to Linford Holdings. The sets of shareholders proved the sale yesterday. American group Safeway Food Stores which had initiated a supermarket auction and had been making the running most of the past six weeks, mally withdrew last night.

TILLING - BTR: The bid of Thomas Tilling is vising its shareholders to opt the bid from BTR. This lows two board meetings in 10 days with its financial advisers S. G. Warburg to side whether or not to ummend the terms of the r after BTR had won the y.

DEBT TALKS: Sr Arturo sa, Venezuelan finance min- ster, stayed a day longer in New York to continue talks terday on rescheduling 6,300,00m of debts due this ar and next. But Barclays nk International announced London that 24 banks have rted proposals for consoling \$1,600m of short term gan debt.

GAS CEREMONY: Rome Professor Amintore Fanfani, outgoing prime minister, d Mr Belkacem Nabi, the gerian energy minister, ated a ceremony in Sicily to ark the commissioning on ilian soil of the transmssed gas pline, which will eventually ing 12 billion cubic metres of gerian methane a year from a sahar.

STEEL OUTPUT: Britain's rage weekly steel output rose May to 313,700 tonnes from 1,300 tonnes in April. The ay average was down 7,000 nes from 320,300 for the month last year.

US UNEMPLOYMENT: te number of workers filing st-time claims for unemployment insurance benefits rose to seasonally adjusted 461,000 in e week ended May 28 from 5,000 the previous week. The mber of workers receiving bless benefits under regular ble programmes totalled 41,000 in the week ended ay 21.

AUSTRALIAN JOBLESS: e unemployment rate stea- ed in Australia at a seasonally ured 10.3 per cent in May, hanged from the month fore but still up from 6.6 per cent in May 1982. There were 20,900 people out of work on a seasonally adjusted basis in ay, up slightly from 714,900 e April and up substantially om 451,400 in May 1982.

JAPAN'S SURPLUS: pan's customs cleared trade plus narrowed to \$1.81bn in ay from an upwards revised .03bn in April, but was well ove a \$450m surplus a year alier.

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**Lloyd's meeting**

A national meeting of the Association of Members of Lloyd's has been organized for Wednesday, June 22, to review the 1982 syndicate results. For the first time, Lloyd's names will be able to see a representative selection of syndicate results and have their last chance before the end of June to give notice of a change of syndicates. The cost of the meeting is £25 including lunch for existing members, £40 combined membership and meeting fee. Further details from the Association of Members of Lloyd's, Wheatshed House, Carmelite Street, London EC4 OAX. Tel: 01-353 7079.

**Brighter image**

The image of building societies as antiquated, inefficient and vulnerable to competition has been weakened by a recent survey of the attitudes of more than 100 City bankers, accountants and stockbrokers. Eighty-four per cent of those questioned thought the societies did a competent job; 38 per cent of those felt that it would be foolhardy to interfere with them.

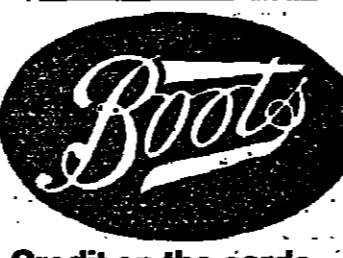
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**Anchor's away**

Statistics compiled by Le Mesurier, James & Clark, the stockbrokers, on offshore gift funds show that Anchor Gift Edged was the best performer in the year May 21, 1982, to May 27, 1983. Runners up were Midland Offshore Gift and Henderson Offshore Gift. The table shows the top and bottom five performers in terms of the total net return.

Total net return %	
Anchor Gift Edged	+32.80
Midland Offshore Gift	+32.64
Henderson Offshore Gift	+32.63
NatWest High Income Fund	+31.91
Brown Shipley	+31.39
Craigmount	+26.71
Cater Allen	+26.49
Invidia Gift Growth Fund	+26.27
Britanna 10M	+26.04
HK Gift Fund dist	+23.50



**Credit on the cards**

Boots, the high street chemists, is offering customers its own in-store credit card which can be used in its 1,046 stores throughout Britain. The new card, like Access and Barclaycard, will have a minimum monthly payment of 2% or 5 per cent of the outstanding balance, whichever is the greater. Monthly interest is the same as Access and Barclaycard - 1.75 per cent a month or 23.1 per cent on an annual basis. The aim is to encourage customers to spend more in Boots' stores. It intends to introduce special offers and discounts, which will be available only to cardholders. Applications will be vetted by National Westminster Bank which is financing the scheme and will be subject to the normal credit criteria.

**Trust advice**

The investment policy of unit trusts is relatively easy to determine - those with Japan in their name invest in that country - but it is often difficult to identify precisely where they invest. Help is at hand from an advisory service, the first of its kind, set up by Midlands-based stockbrokers Stancliffe Todd & Hodgson.

**Retiring partners**

Retirement arrangements for partners are often complicated and expensive. Partners for Partners, an up-to-date publication from Gyles Longman, shows how all partners, from the senior to the most junior, can make pension arrangements which offer tax, asset-preserving and financial advantages, safeguarding both their own position and the partnership's business base. Written by Robin Ellison, solicitor and pensions expert, it is available from the publishers, price £45.

**Maximum saving**

Maximum investment plans, popular with the over 40s saving for retirement, differ considerably in the amount which the company holds back to cover administrative charges, and hence the amount actually invested for the policyholder. A recent survey by investment consultants Chase de Vries reveals that companies investing the highest percentage of each premium for the benefit of the policyholder are Continental Life, London Life and National Provident Institution. However, the measurement of charges takes no account of the investment performance.

**Mortgage fears**

An increase in mortgage rates looks increasingly likely unless interest rates come down substantially in the next two weeks. The Building Societies Association has called an extraordinary council meeting on June 22 to decide on mortgage rates and unless there is a cut in interest rates between now and then, homebuyers could find themselves paying an extra 1.5 per cent more for home loans. This would put the rate up to 11.5 per cent and would cost a borrower with a new £25,000 loan an extra £17 a month after tax relief. The societies have failed in recent months to attract sufficient money to satisfy mortgage demand, now running at record levels. Last month they pulled in only £319m when they need at least £700m to maintain lending at present levels. "Without an increase in the inflow of funds, societies will be obliged to cut back their mortgage lending which would result in an inevitable lengthening of mortgage queues", said an association spokesman. Some societies are already turning borrowers away and many have three-month waiting lists. Any increase in home loan rates announced on June 22 would come into effect on July 1.

**Gold Market for the rich, brave and foolish**

Gold is holding its head above the choppy waters of \$400 an ounce, but there are few people in the market who would rule out the possibility of its sinking. In the circumstances, investment in the metal or in shares and coins is even riskier than usual. The market is baffled because all the signals conflict. The bulls can point to lower or at least static interest rates, the continuing international debt crisis, and the alleged "resistance level" at this price on the charts and in computer trading programmes. Against that the bears say interest rates will rise, if anything that fabrication demand for gold is weak and speculators can still make more money in other markets. There is also a chance that some hard-pressed countries will sell gold reserves. One reasonably clear fact is that the speculative buying which buoyed the market earlier in the year has vanished. Speculators abandoned gold at the end of January when the expected cut in American interest rates failed to materialize. Gold has lost \$100 an ounce since then. The departure of speculators has left the metal at the mercy of physical demand. But, as Consolidated Gold Fields has argued, demand is finely balanced around the current price. A decline revives fabrication buying while a rise quickly stops it, depending on the strength of the dollar and on real interest rates. If bullion has no obvious direction, other forms of gold investment are even more unpredictable. Gold mine shares, particularly South African, are widely thought to be overpriced. Apart from not yet fully discounting the weakness of the market, the mines also face rapid cost increases. Nor is a falling market, or one in which a fall is quite possible, the time to pay a premium for coins. Kruggerands are selling at about \$10 over the metal price. A bullion collapse could therefore leave the holder of coins very exposed. This is a market for the brave (or foolish) and the rich. There is still a respectable body of opinion which maintains that gold will end the year higher than it is now. A typical market reaction whereby operators decide that a commodity is underpriced is all that is needed. But that is for risk takers. With real interest rates at their current level, the potential investor in gold is probably best advised to wait until the direction of the market is evident.

**Conveyancing**

**How agents plan to cut the cost of buying a home by 50pc**

Last year, homebuyers paid an estimated £1,000m in legal fees to solicitors for conveying their properties. Mr David Southwell, of the National Institute of Conveyancing Agents, which represents 61 conveying practices, reckons this is too much, and that his members could cut homebuyers' legal fees by as much as 50 per cent. More than 1.3 million homebuyers moved house last year - 860,000 raised a building society loan and approximately 430,000 borrowed from the bank. For every buyer there is also a seller and the legal fees on these 1.3 million transactions would average an estimated £300 (£250 each for buyer and seller). This produces a total legal fees bill of £650m.

**Monopoly**

But in addition a substantial proportion of buyers and sellers - mainly the elderly - do not require a loan. Mr David Southwell reckons that taking these homebuyers into account the total legal fees bill is well over the £1bn mark. "In addition there was a total bill of £179m for solicitors acting for the building societies," said Mr Southwell, who has campaigned for some time to have the solicitors' monopoly of the crucial aspects of conveying removed. "There is no evidence of any member of the public having had any financial loss as a result of dealing with conveying agents," said Mr Southwell. But he reckons most of his members would convey the average property for around £125 - half the fee paid by homebuyers using a solicitor. The abolition of the solicitors' monopoly of conveying was one of the proposals in Labour's manifesto. The Alliance is also keen to make housebuying cheaper - particularly for first-time buyers. And Mr Southwell said Mrs Thatcher indicated in a letter that there would be further examination of a report prepared by officials. Not surprisingly, the Law Society strongly opposes any move to abolish its monopoly.



"Our concern is to protect the interests of the public," said Nicola Watkins, of the Law Society. "The public does not have the protection by going to a conveying agent that is provided by going to solicitors." There are also disciplinary procedures for solicitors who are negligent.

Mr Southwell dismissed these objections as solicitors' protecting their own interest. "All our members have professional indemnity insurance of at least £100,000 per transaction. None of our members has been sued for financial loss by a client. Over 70 per cent of our members are fellows of the Institute of Legal Executives." Since the beginning of this year, the Law Society has brought four prosecutions against conveying firms and has failed at each attempt. Licences would like to see firms like his own able to complete conveyances (at the moment they can do everything except draft the final transfer deed which still has to be completed by a solicitor, barrister or notary public), he would not like to see conveying totally unregulated. His proposal is that conveying agents would have to obtain a licence from their local trading standards officer which would be dependent on the conveyancer showing valid professional indemnity cover of at least £100,000. How can a homebuyer find a conveying agent who is reliable? "All our members have professional indemnity cover and we can recommend a firm of conveying agents in the homebuyers' area," said Mr Southwell. Some of the biggest firms, which are members of the Institute of Conveyancing Agents, include Houseowners Services South West, in Exeter; Houseowners Services Eastern, in Cleethorpes, Chatterhouse and Co, which has offices along the south coast and Land and Title Transfer in Birmingham. The National Institute of Conveyancing Agents is at 10 Upper Belmont Road, Bristol, BS7 9BQ.

**Discrimination**

**Maternity-leave woman not given suitable job**

A woman's right to return to her old job, or a suitable alternative, after maternity leave has been upheld in a test case under the Employment Protection Act of 1978. The London North Industrial Tribunal unanimously announced last week that it found that Microgen, a Hertfordshire-based computer services, had discriminated against Mrs Caroline Brown Williams, its former southern region production manager, by failing to provide her with suitable employment after her return from confinement. The case is believed to be the first time that a woman has successfully contested section 45 of the Act. This states that if an employee's job becomes redundant during maternity leave, she should be offered a suitable alternative employment on her return to work. If this is not provided, then this is treated as an act of unfair dismissal. Mrs Brown Williams was also found to have been discriminated against under the 1975 Sex Discrimination Act. The main issue was that Microgen had agreed to offer maternity leave for Mrs Brown Williams from November 16, 1981, until August 30, 1982. But a month before she was to return to work, she was told that the management structure had been changed and she would be unable to return to her old position. Mrs Brown Williams had previously been the regional production manager responsible for the south, with the northern operation being controlled by Mr Simon Brown. During her leave, the company decided to merge these two positions into one. Both regional managers were considered for the job, although only Mr Brown was offered the post, which he subsequently declined. Microgen did not offer Mrs Brown Williams the job although the tribunal said in its report on the case: "It was not disputed as a question of fact, that in her job as regional production manager the applicant had been responsible for 75 per cent of the workload of the company." She also received a higher salary than Mr Brown, the tribunal said. Microgen offered Mrs Brown Williams a choice of other employment as a client services representative or as manager of an inquiry service for its building division at the same salary she was receiving in her last job. But her solicitor, Mr John Angel, contended that this contravened the Sex Discrimination Act in that she was not promoted for a position to which she was qualified. He also maintained that it infringed the Employment Protection Act in that she was now being offered a job on less favourable terms. In finding for Mrs Brown Williams and ordering that compensation should be agreed between the two parties, the tribunal said in its report: "The tribunal could not help but wonder what would have happened if she had not taken her statutory leave to have her baby. The tribunal could not help but come to the conclusion that she would have undoubtedly been considered for the position." The Equal Opportunities Commission said that the judgment would be "useful" in its campaign to ensure employment security for women on maternity leave. Patrick Donovan

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# Why the Hunt investigation will not help investor who lost £12,000

Frank Bush, a retired civil servant from Farnborough, is one of the 2,000 investors who stand to lose money following the disappearance of the portly financier Mr Eith Hunt and the subsequent suspension of his companies by the Department of Trade.

But Mr Bush is in a worse position than most of the other investors who gave their savings to Mr Hunt. For he put his £12,000 not with the Exchange Securities Companies that advertised their investment management services, but with something called Exchange Holdings Betting Services through which Mr Hunt placed bets on investment performance on behalf of some 200 select clients.

And because EBBS is not a company, it is not subject to the action taken by the Department of Trade, and does not come under the jurisdiction of the special manager, Mr Stephen Ames, of Thomson McLintock, who is presently winding up Mr Hunt's empire.

Mr Bush received no letter, for instance, when Mr James incriminated Mr Hunt's creditors.



Hunt: Placed bets on investment performance.

Mr James is sympathetic. "I have kept copies of the correspondence with Mr Hunt sent me by some of the EBBS investors. We may be able to start doing something for them when the companies are sorted out. But at the moment, I have no responsibility to them. I am solely concerned with the companies that the Department of Trade is winding up."

So what should investors do? I asked Mr James. "Logically,

they should move to take bankruptcy proceedings", he said, but he would not confirm if he, or the Department of Trade, was planning to do that.

Next week, the Department of Trade petition to wind up Exchange Securities and Commodities and a number of other Hunt companies will be heard in London.

At the same time, Manchester solicitors Alexander Tatham, who are acting for investors representing some £1.5m out of the estimated £13m placed with Mr Hunt, are asking the court to ratify the appointment of Mr Philip Livesey, senior partner of accountants Cooper & Lybrand in Manchester, as Receiver.

Mr David Pine, of Tatham's, says: "A receiver will be able to act for all investors, including those who put money with EBBS and for whom no-one, it seems, is acting at the moment. Because there are so many investors outside the scope of the present investigation, we think that this move is appropriate."

Margaret Drummond

Wines

## Hasty praise for 1982 clarets

It is rare indeed for a claret vintage to receive acclaim so collectively soon after the harvest and fermentation as the 1982. The owner of First Growth Château Margaux, Laura Menzelopolous, goes so far as to say he "would compare it to the 961 vintage."

Since fine vintage claret is an important sector in wine investment, the opening offer by the wine arm of Grand Metropolitan, Peter Dominic, should be given serious consideration. As their knowledgeable buyer, Mr James Long, says: "They must represent excellent buys for frinking from the late 1980s onwards."

The exceptional heat at the time of the 1982 harvest produced fine grapes, whose juice had to be cooled to ferment correctly. Most of 1982 clarets show deep colour, high tannin (necessary in any great wine that is to keep), but low acidity.

The Dominic Prices include both excise duty and VAT. And payment is not required until delivery is effected during the summer or autumn of next year; their offer closes on September 25. Branches have details or otherwise write to Dominic at Vintner House,

Harlow, Essex. I would particularly signal out two Pauillacs: Pontet-Canet at £84 and Dubart-Milon-Rothschild at £90, both per dozen bottles.

With world-wide demand - particularly from North America and Europe - the 1982 clarets reflect the weakness of the French franc. Most estates opened about 10-20 per cent above their price for the 1981 vintage, even though last year's crop was quite large. This is a measure of both Bordeaux confidence in the quality and investment demand.

Christopher's offer the '82 ex cellars Bordeaux inclusive of VAT. Upon delivery in mid 1984, freight and duty (about £15) will be invoiced. Their prices range from £18 for Ch. Pommerehne (not a potential auction room entry but a Première Côte de Bordeaux for drinking in 4-5 years) to £50 for Batailley and £74 for

Pinchon-Longeville-Baron. Details can be obtained from 4 Ormond Yard, London, SW1Y 6JT.

Prospero Wines (2 Warrington Crescent, London, W9 1ER) consider that, presently only 25 per cent of estates in 1982 were able to cope effectively with the problems of high fermentation. They have selected 14 estates including Lynch Moussas, Troplong Mondot (a St Emilion Grand Cru) and Crozier-Bages.

Hawkins and Nurick (31F High Street, Oakham, Rutland, LE15 6AH) acts for several châteaux. Its '82 list includes Chasse-Spleen, Gloria and Cheval-Blanc. The latter, always much in world demand, was bought by Charles Hawkins in the first tranche (as it is traditional to split the quality available into differently priced parcels.

the Suffolk coast has a good selection. Buyer, Simon Loftus, says he has tried to restrain his excitement over the vintage: it "has the promise of a truly great year". His list includes La Lagune at £58, Haut Batailley, Haut Bailly (a lovely red Graves), Palmer at £110, and all first growths except Mouton.

Laytons Wine Merchants (20 Midland Road, NW1 2AD) draws attention to the size of the '82 crop: 5.6m hl by comparison with only 3.3m hl (1981) and 3.66m hl (1980). Its offer is for half payment 30 days from invoice and the balance on September 30. It includes Branaire Duca, Lascombes, and La Lagune, which is a most consistent London wine.

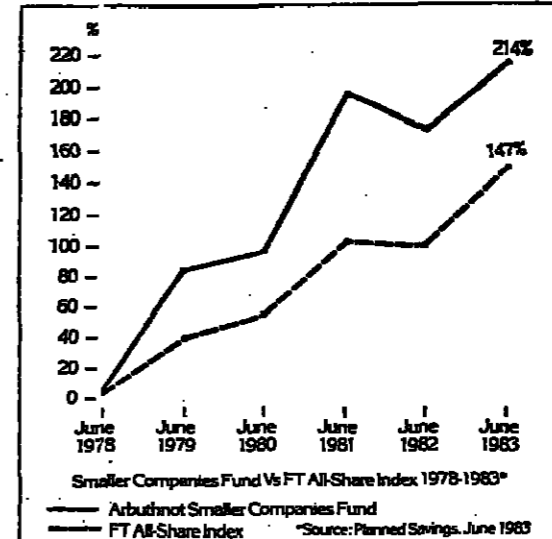
Other merchants with interesting lists of this outstanding vintage include Tanners Wines (26 Wyle Cop, Shrewsbury, SY1 1XD), Henry Townsend (Chalk Pit House, Colehill, Amersham, Bucks, HP7 0LW), and Harvey's of Bristol.

With an investment opportunity for 1982 clarets at opening prices, it is well worthwhile foregoing purchases of such recent years as 1980 and 1979 to stock up.

Coral Gregory

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On the whole smaller companies have stood up to the recession comparatively well. Even so the performance of Arbuthnot's Smaller Companies Fund has been consistently outstanding, as the graph clearly demonstrates.

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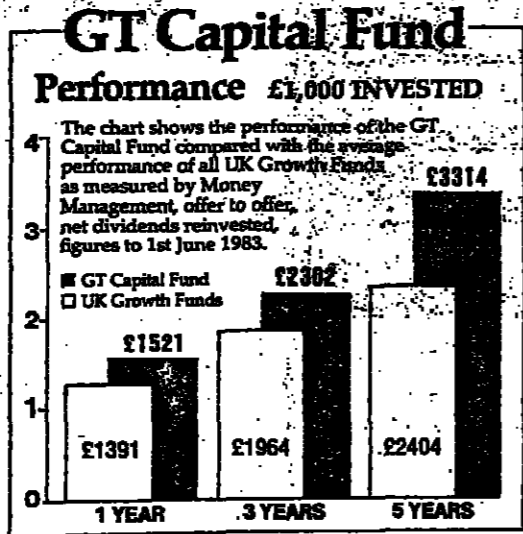
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'Sack directors' call at Milford Docks

By Jonathan Clark

The long running battle in the boardroom of the Milford Docks company has taken another turn with the unveiling of a director's strategy which includes the sacking of three other directors.

The strategy, masterminded by Mr Peter Jennings, a director and merchant banker with Guinness Mahon, is for a rights issue to raise £700,000 a 35p share, a big discount on the recent price of about 68p.

The plan also calls for the removal of the chairman, Mr Jack Bennett, and two other directors, Mr Charles Smith and Mr David Bick.

Elswick back to profit

By Victor Felstead

A return to modest profitability at the Elswick-Hopper bicycle and engineering group has been achieved according to forecasts, reports Mr Jim Turner, the chairman, in his end of the year statement to shareholders.

Bank indebtedness has also been significantly reduced, he said. In the year to Jan 31, the group's pretax trading profits reached £128,000, compared with the previous year's loss of £44,000.

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Trust vote rejects unitization

By Victor Felstead A unitization plan for the London-based British Industries and General Investment Trust was rejected at the group's extraordinary meeting yesterday.

Creditors' accord boosts Braniff

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MARKET REPORT by Michael Clark

Election shares hesitate

ACCOUNT DAY Dealings began, June 6. Dealings end, June 17. Contango Day, June 20. Settlement Day, June 27

The stock market gave a cautious thumbs-up to the Conservative election victory yesterday as share prices recovered from a hesitant start to close marginally higher on the day.

Jobs appeared reluctant to make a market first thing and, as a result, prices opened easier as profit-taking developed among most blue chip companies.

But the selling proved short-lived, despite the lack of a positive lead from the gilt and money markets. The FT Index ended the day 0.7 higher at 717.1, having been 4.7 off at the start.

Dealers reported renewed US support after hours, as Wall Street celebrated the Tory win, with Glaxo recovering an early fall to close 40p higher at 895p.

Fisons was 35p higher at 695p and Vickers 6p higher at 117p.

Beecham was also a strong market, dipping as low as 360p at one stage, before recovering to close at 365p, a net fall on the day of 3p.

Gilts also recovered from a shaky start, scoring gains of up to 2 1/2% in active trading, helped in part by a market expectation that the rate of lower interest rates in the not too distant future. As a

result of the market's buoyancy, the Bank of England took the opportunity of releasing a further tranche of £800m of Treasury 9 1/2 per cent 1988 in shorts. The stock closed 25p higher at £95 1/4.

Shares of Rowntree Mackintosh did little in the run-up to the election. Rumours in the market suggest that the company is contemplating a £50m rights issue following the recent acquisition in the US of Tom's Foods, the snack food group, for £140m. The share price closed unchanged at 237p.

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Table showing investment trust rates for various funds.

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Table showing miscellaneous market data.

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CRICKET: THE FAVOURITES PAY HEAVILY FOR THEIR COMPLACENCY

Indians do cartwheels after defeating West Indies

By Keith Macklin

TRAFFORD: India (left) beat West Indies by 34 runs. For the second successive day Prudential World Cup produced a riveting finish and an astonishing result. Might, m and logic will probably prevail in the end, but India and Zimbabwe in putting the well and truly among the cons and shaking the comecency of the favourites. West Indies lost for the first time in the World Cup and India won only their second Test, the other being against Africa in 1975.

Roberts in the seemingly hopeless task of producing a century stand for the last wicket. The wise old heads in the pavillion and in the crowd recalled Murray and Roberts against Pakistan in 1975 and others reminded us that both Roberts and Garner have been known to swing the bat lustily and effectively.

So it proved, as the two fast bowlers made a mockery of much of the world-class batting that had gone before. Both batsmen showed a partiality for the left-arm slows of Shastri and after Roberts had lifted him for six over mid-wicket, Garner took a four and a six off successive balls.

With 12 overs to go Roberts and Garner required seven runs an over, Madan Lal had bowled his 12 overs, so had Binny, and Kapil brought himself back to stem the tide of runs. Garner glanced him to leg for an exquisite four and when the 50 partnership was reached, Indian heads in the field began to drop and the furrows depend on the brow of their captain.

The scoring rate required dropped to six an over as Garner clouted an enormous six off Patel. Came the 55th over to be bowled by Shastri. The Indian spectators groaned anticipating sixes galore from the mighty bats of Roberts and Garner. Shastri loped gently to the wicket, pitched up a tempting spinner, Garner lunged forward to stem the tide of runs. Garner glanced him to leg for an exquisite four and when the 50 partnership was reached, Indian heads in the field began to drop and the furrows depend on the brow of their captain.

Roberts: majestic hitting in attempt to save game.

The great leveller casts a vote

By Ivo Tennant

Once again the gods are smiling on the Prudential World Cup, and not just through rays of sunshine. The opening matches, in danger of being swamped by the General Election, have revitalised the 1983 season. Cricket, the great leveller, is back with a vengeance.

Those who went to Trent Bridge, expecting to cast their votes in good time after watching Australia glorying in the slaughter of Zimbabwe, will have had a rude shock. From 500-1 two weeks ago, Zimbabwe's odds against winning the Cup had soared to 1,000-1. As a result of beating Australia, they have dropped to 100-1. Ladbrokes said yesterday that they have "attracted interest from small speculators".

West Indies remain favourites to win the trophy, and rightly so. Yet the warning signs are there. India beat them in a one-day game during the winter - almost unheard of at the time - and now have deservedly won again.

Before the competition began Fletcher, Zimbabwe's captain, admitted they would be fortunate to pick up one win, and if that happened, it would come about against India. Today they play them at Leicester, fears of fast bowling vanquished. The win over Australia was a splendid personal triumph for Fletcher, who, without wishing to be unkind, looked hardly a world-beater when I saw him in the warm-up match against Minor Counties.

Zimbabwe are, of course, newcomers to top international cricket.

Willis, England's captain, who ordered his team to attend special practice at Taunton yesterday, could not conceal his delight at the way they hit back at their critics through the manner of their win over New Zealand, their winter tour.

MOTOR RACING: AN END TO CONVENTION

Rosberg takes his big chance against the turbos

From Richard Low, Montreal

Tomorrow's Canadian Grand Prix is regarded as the last race of the formula one season, and perhaps the last race in which conventionally aspirated cars have an equal chance against the turbos.

Here, on the medium-sized Gilles Villeneuve Circuit, where practice and qualification began yesterday, the Cosworth-powered team had been buoyed by Michele Alboreto's victory in his Tyrrell last weekend on the tight Detroit street course.

Rosberg was in the points in five of this year's seven races. But such a success ratio probably will not last much longer. Tyrrell's team director, Ken Tyrrell, said: "This is the last year conventional cars will have a chance. We'll have to get good results in 1984 to get good results in future."

RUGBY UNION

Laidlaw to improve Lions' work rate

Roy Laidlaw has become the Lions' No 1 scrum half after all after they are out of the chosen XV on tour, but it is the chance that his position demands to be included in the squad for every game, Laidlaw said.

Laidlaw will obviously work the Lions scrum in the last two international matches unless Nigel Melville can launch a dramatic effort for stardom. But Laidlaw is learning all the time here and expects to be playing his best scrum half, even when you go the schools the lads are passing like international. It is a better game over here than back home from that point of view. But they do tend to concentrate on winning and clearing set-piece ball.

Laidlaw is sorry for Holmes, who will be on his way home after the second international match. It is hard to see a great player so badly injured, but I owe it to myself and the team to take the chance to help him in this series, if selected," he said.

SHOOTING

Counties to adjust their sights

By Our Rifle Shooting Correspondent

Fifteen English counties, Glamorgan, Ulster and East Scotland have entered teams for the inaugural inter-counties rifle meeting sponsored by the National Westminster Bank at Bisley today and Sunday.

WEEKEND FIXTURES

CRICKET

Prudential World Cup (10.45 to 7.30) Group A: Essex v Warwickshire, Lancashire v Nottinghamshire, Yorkshire v Leicestershire. Group B: Hampshire v Gloucestershire, Kent v Sussex, Surrey v Somerset.

FOOTBALL

Wembley: Scotland v England (8.00).

OTHER SPORT

Athletics: Welsh WAAA championships at Caerdydd, Scottish schools championships at Glasgow, County of Down championships at Rathfriland, 2.15.

FOOTBALL

Cardiff: International match Wales v Brazil (8.00).

OTHER SPORT

Golf: Berkshire Trophy at Berkshire Club, Family Home tournament at Farnham Golf Club, Open tournament at Bournemouth Golf Club, Pro-Am tournament at Meru Club, Kenton Pro-Am tournament at Kenton Golf Club.

TENNIS

Stalls Article championship (at Queen's Club).

Table with 3 columns: Player, Runs, Wickets. Includes names like C.G. Greenidge, D.I. Ganga, V.A. Richards, S.F.A. Baptiste, G.H. Lloyd, H.A. O'Connell, M.D. Marshall, M.A. Holder, J. Garner, S.R. Waugh.

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AWARD WINNERS

To the wicket came the long, punching figure of the "Big Bird," Joel Garner, joining...

Unit Trust Prices - change on the week

Large table listing various unit trusts and their weekly price changes. Columns include Unit Trust Name, Current Price, and Change on the Week.

Large table listing various financial products, likely insurance or investment funds, with columns for product names and prices.





The setting looks right for Autumn Sunset

Autumn Sunset is a confident look to repeat Alphadamus' 773 victory for Michael Stout...

Mysterieuse Etoile is favoured

It may be worth taking a chance with Mysterieuse Etoile in tomorrow's Prix de Diane...

Kondair ready to reward Arbuthnot

Kondair looks poised to give his able young trainer David Arbuthnot his biggest success to date...

Alliance club fail to get the vote

Maidstone United failed in their attempt to gain election to the Football League...

Judges in scoring climbdown

After an extraordinary climb-down by the judges...

Bath

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Sandown Park

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York

Television (ITV) 1.30, 2.0, 2.30 and 3.0 races

Carlisle selections

Our Racing Staff 6.15 Catching, 6.45 Ladenda, 7.15 Foresters' Boy...

Piggott the master on Miramar Reef

Leader Piggott rode a masterly race to win the Foodbrokers of Esher Handicap at Sandown yesterday...

Today's point-to-point

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FOOTBALL

Robson fights off complacency with new caps

Sydney (Reuters) - Bobby Robson, the England manager, has included four new caps in the side to meet Australia at the Sydney cricket ground tomorrow.



Barham: tour reward

Danny Thomas, the Coventry midfielder, Mark Barham and Steve Williams, and forward John Gregory will make their international debuts. Robson led the squad in an hour-long training period at an athletics field near the cricket ground yesterday before making an inspection of the pitch.

Robson has no qualms about letting his players test the wicket on putting them through their paces as the Australians looked on. He named his team immediately afterwards.

Robson wants his England team to move the middle. Mark Barham is possible tomorrow. "We have spent a great deal of time concentrating on crosses," he said. And he added that England were taking the match seriously. "It is my number one priority to prevent any complacency, and I think the inclusion of four new caps will help. These lads will be out to impress and will keep the other on their toes as well."

Captain Jones

Joe Jones captains Wales for the first time in tomorrow's match against Brazil in Cardiff. The Chelsea full-back takes over from Arsenal's Peter Nicholas, one of seven regulars unavailable for selection.

Neill gets Nicholas

By a Staff Reporter

After several years' being upstaged in the transfer market by Tottenham Hotspur, Arsenal have apparently surprised their north London neighbours at several other illustrious clubs by signing Charlie Nicholas, the talented 21-year-old Celtic forward.

Although Nicholas will not put his signature to a contract until after Arsenal return from a summer tour of Indonesia, he is believed to have agreed to the move. Until recently it seemed that Nicholas was determined to join Manchester United, but after a visit to Highbury this week he said that he was greatly impressed.

The fee is expected to be about £650,000, but the decisive factor was almost certainly the personal terms offered to Nicholas. Despite a recent quiet match against England, he has shown enormous potential at Celtic, where he has scored more than 50 goals this season.

Nicholas announced that he had agreed to join Arsenal while the Scottish international team was currently in Canada. He said he felt that Arsenal had good players and was capable of becoming a highly successful side. He added that though he had been impressed with the people at Liverpool, he was more impressed by the Arsenal management of Terry Neill and Don Howe.

Import ban in Italy

The Italian Football Federation have decided to ban the signing of imported players in a move designed to protect the shaky finances of several League clubs. Foreigners playing in Italy and those signings which have been agreed since the end of last season, will still be allowed to play in the country. But the federation will refuse to register new foreign players whose contracts with Italian clubs have not yet been finalised.

FIFA move on crowd violence

Mexico City (Reuters) - The International Football Federation (FIFA) officials are beginning to crack down on crowd violence that marred Thursday night's Mexico-Scotland world youth soccer cup game. A FIFA official said the trouble, in which the Mexican goalkeeper was killed by a bottle, was worrying because it was the first time since the 1986 World Cup finals. "Changes will have to be made" the official said "for example there is no cover over the players' tunnel".

ATHLETICS

Elliott to ensure that Coe gets moving

By Pat Butcher

Schistian Coe will have to run a lot faster than in his two previous outings this season on the track if he is to win against Peter Elliott over 800 metres in the Loughborough Students versus AAA match tomorrow. In the Yorkshire championship 1,500 metres match, Elliott and the mile against the Soviet Union last weekend, Coe won as he liked but in times far from his best.



Elliott: building a reputation.

Elliott, on the other hand, is building a reputation as the best young 800 metres in the world, and the foundation is a first first lap. In winning the United Kingdom title in Edinburgh two weeks ago, Elliott repeated his feat in last year's AAA championship of leading from gun to tape. He was rewarded with a personal best of one minute 45.5 seconds, the fourth fastest in the world this year.

With Brian McGee. Commonwealth Bronze medalist also in the event this should be the best middle distance race in Britain so far this season. Elliott has nothing to gain from restoring to tactics, which seem unorthodox to most spectators because Coe at the moment is a faster sprinter. If Elliott runs what has become his normal first lap time for 800 metres will be in the 1:10 range.

expected to do next season. Elliott may not win tomorrow, but he certainly has to lack the impetus to get close to Coe's world record in the years to come.

That is also Coe's opinion. He described Elliott's United Kingdom championship victory as "Tremendous. He is running much faster than he was last year. In two years' time there is no reason why he should not be hanging on with a 5.2 second lap".

This 25th anniversary match is being sponsored by Dornas on a new synthetic track, and if Graham Williamson is anywhere near his excellent best over Loughborough will have his best ever sub-4-minute mile.

Britain's two outstanding 400 metre talents, Phil Brown and Todd Bennett give a 200 metres taster of things to come later this year.

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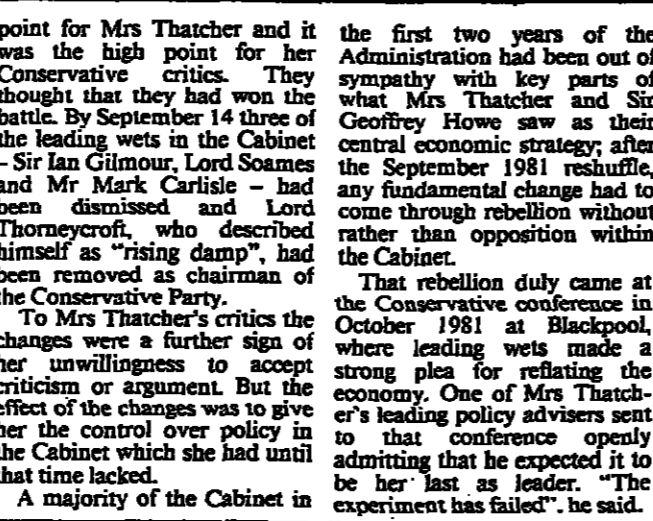
David Blake traces Mrs Thatcher's path to triumph over 1,500 days of office. The anatomy of a Conservative landslide

This had been the biggest landslide of recent times and it is also by all conventional rules of politics one of the most surprising. We should not forget how surprising.

After four weeks of campaigning in which a big gap turned into a chasm, it all has a feeling of inevitability. Yet at the halfway stage of its life the Thatcher administration looked likely to be moving to the biggest defeat in modern political history rather than the biggest victory.



Public opinion and the Falklands: How the war affected Mrs Thatcher's standing in the polls.



In fact the ousting of the wets had given the Prime Minister, if not a united Cabinet, at least one in which she had time to show that the policy could work.

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Rodgers, forming the Social Democratic Party. At first the SDP, which formed an alliance with the Liberals, seemed to take votes from the Conservatives rather than Labour.

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Classified list of election results

The results of the general election are set out in alphabetical order in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. The percentage turnout and the percentage of votes cast for each candidate are calculated to the nearest decimal point.

In the 66 seats where there has been no change to the boundary and the 43 where there has been only a minor change the 1979 votes and percentages are given under Thursday's result.

An asterisk denotes a member of the last Parliament.

The following abbreviations for parties have been used: Con Conservative, Lab Labour, SDP All Social Democratic Party/Alliance, Lib All Liberal Alliance, SNP Scottish National Party, Pl C Plaid Cymru, OUP Official Unionist Party, Eco Ecology Party, DUP Democratic Unionist Party, SDLP Social Democratic and Labour Party, All Alliance, SNP Scottish National Party, UPUP Ulster Popular Unionist Party, Ind Independent Democratic Unionist Party, WP Workers Party, Ind Independent, National Front, Con Communist, WRP Workers Revolutionary Party.

The following abbreviations have been used for the smaller parties and individual candidates: AB Scottish Bulletin, ACFE Against Corruption, A Con Anti-Corruption, AV Anti-Vivisection, BELLS Ban Every Licensing Law, BNP British National Party, Brit Nat British National Party, CBWU Campaign for Black and White Unity, CD Christian Democrat, CFCP Conservative Favouring Capital Punishment, CUP Campaign for United Ireland, FAMP Fraternal Alternative Medicine Party, FD Fancy Dress Party, FTACM Free Trade Anti Common Market, FWD Freedom From World Domination.

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Table for BATH: Electorate 64,325, % vote, % turnout. Candidates include Mr Anthony Baldry, Mr Christopher Patten, Mr David Maud.

Table for BEDFORDSHIRE SOUTH-WEST: Electorate 76,296, % vote, % turnout. Candidates include Mr David Maud, Mr Christopher Patten, Mr Anthony Baldry.

Table for BIRMINGHAM, Edgbaston: Electorate 53,063, % vote, % turnout. Candidates include Mr Anthony Baldry, Mr Christopher Patten, Mr David Maud.

Table for BIRMINGHAM, Small Heath: Electorate 59,376, % vote, % turnout. Candidates include Mr Anthony Baldry, Mr Christopher Patten, Mr David Maud.

Table for BIRMINGHAM, Sparkbrook: Electorate 56,011, % vote, % turnout. Candidates include Mr Anthony Baldry, Mr Christopher Patten, Mr David Maud.

Table for BIRMINGHAM, Yardley: Electorate 57,701, % vote, % turnout. Candidates include Mr Anthony Baldry, Mr Christopher Patten, Mr David Maud.

ENGLAND

Table for ALDERSHOT: Electorate 21,593, % vote, % turnout. Candidates include Mr Anthony Baldry, Mr Christopher Patten, Mr David Maud.

Table for ASHFLEET: Electorate 69,791, % vote, % turnout. Candidates include Mr Anthony Baldry, Mr Christopher Patten, Mr David Maud.

Table for BARNLEY CENTRAL: Electorate 55,115, % vote, % turnout. Candidates include Mr Anthony Baldry, Mr Christopher Patten, Mr David Maud.

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Electorate 67,354
% vote
S. Hill, T (Con) 23,731 35.1

BEADFORD NORTH
Electorate 66,349
% vote
Lawler, G (Con) 16,094 34.3

BRENTWOOD AND ONGAR
Electorate 65,976
% vote
McCrindle, R (Con) 29,484 58.4

BRISTOL NORTH-WEST
Electorate 72,996
% vote
Stern, M (Con) 24,617 43.9

BURY NORTH
Electorate 66,065
% vote
Burt, A (Con) 23,923 45.5

CAMBRIDGESHIRE SOUTH-
WEST
Electorate 76,228
% vote
Electoral, S (Con) 32,521 56.2

CHELSEA
Electorate 53,864
% vote
Scott, N P (Con) 19,122 63.2

CHINGFORD
Electorate 56,378
% vote
Scott, N P (Con) 22,541 55.1

Paul Bryna, Minister of State for employment, 1970-72, was chair-

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REWASH

Electorate 73,355 % vote
Lans, P. (Con) 25,167 34.3
Dow, W. (Lab) 13,848 18.9

FELTHAM AND HESTON

Electorate 78,366 % vote
Ground, P. (Con) 23,724 30.3
Kerr, R. W. (Lab) 21,576 27.5

GATESHEAD EAST

Electorate 66,656 % vote
Holland, P. (Con) 27,207 40.8
Cogan, B. (Lab) 22,981 34.5

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Holland, P. (Con) 27,207 40.8
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HAMMERSMITH

Electorate 64,178 % vote
Soley, C. (Lab) 13,645 21.3
Hansfield, M. (Con) 11,991 18.7

HARROW WEST

Electorate 73,151 % vote
Page, J. A. (Con) 28,056 38.4
Woodall, J. (Lab) 22,081 30.2

HEMSWORTH

Electorate 54,323 % vote
Woodall, A. (Lab) 22,081 40.6
Woodford, J. (Lab) 17,891 32.8

HERTSMERF

Electorate 72,997 % vote
Parkinson, C. (Con) 28,628 39.2
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Electorate 56,066 % vote
Vennett, D. (Con) 15,389 31.9
Welbourn, A. J. (SDP/All) 14,369 34.9

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Electorate 73,870
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Hornsey, H.A. (Con) 23,323 42.4

HULL NORTH

Electorate 74,543
% vote
McNamara, K. (SDP) 21,365 42.5

ISLINGTON NORTH

Electorate 59,994
% vote
Carby, J. (Lab) 14,951 45.0

KETTERING

Electorate 62,819
% vote
Crosby, J. (Lab) 23,223 48.4

LEEDS CENTRAL

Electorate 62,999
% vote
Hewitt, Miss P (Lab) 18,706 47.9

LEICESTER EAST

Electorate 67,071
% vote
Brumby, V (Con) 19,117 38.9

LEWISHAM DEPTFORD

Electorate 38,663
% vote
Stikin, J (Lab) 17,360 44.8

HORSHAM

Electorate 50,407
% vote
Horden, P (Con) 37,897 66.9

HUNTINGDON

Electorate 76,668
% vote
Major, J (Con) 34,354 62.4

ISLINGTON SOUTH AND FINSBURY

Electorate 59,795
% vote
Smith, C (Lab) 13,460 36.3

KINGSTON UPON THAMES

Electorate 56,779
% vote
Lamont, N S H (Con) 22,094 54.1

LEEDS EAST

Electorate 63,611
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Healey, D (Lab) 18,430 43.8

LEICESTER SOUTH

Electorate 63,573
% vote
Spencer, D (Con) 21,424 40.3

LEWISHAM EAST

Electorate 61,216
% vote
Moylan, R (Con) 17,168 40.4

HOUGHTON AND WASHINGTON

Electorate 75,680
% vote
Boyes, R (Lab) 26,168 51.7

HYNDBRUNN

Electorate 59,341
% vote
Braynes, J C (Con) 19,405 32.7

JARROW

Electorate 63,770
% vote
Dixon, D (Lab) 25,151 55.3

KINGSWOOD

Electorate 72,159
% vote
Hayward, R (Con) 22,573 40.4

LEEDS NORTH-EAST

Electorate 65,226
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Joseph, C (Lab) 21,946 47.5

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Janzer, G (Lab) 20,387 44.8

LEWISHAM WEST

Electorate 63,043
% vote
Maples, J (Con) 19,521 44.0

HOVE

Electorate 71,918
% vote
Samsbury, T (Con) 28,628 60.5

ILFORD NORTH

Electorate 60,248
% vote
Bendall, V W H (Con) 22,042 51.3

KNOWLSLEY NORTH

Electorate 55,606
% vote
Kilroy-Silk, R (Lab) 24,949 64.5

KNOWLSLEY SOUTH

Electorate 68,114
% vote
Hughes, B L (Lab) 25,727 53.8

LEEDS NORTH-WEST

Electorate 68,004
% vote
Hampson, K (Con) 22,579 46.6

LEICESTERSHIRE, North-West

Electorate 68,510
% vote
Ashby, D (Con) 24,760 44.6

LINCOLN

Electorate 72,887
% vote
Carlisle, K (Con) 25,244 46.4

HULLERSFIELD

Electorate 68,174
% vote
Sheerman, B (Lab) 30,051 41.2

ILFORD SOUTH

Electorate 58,208
% vote
Thorne, N G (Con) 18,672 45.4

KNOWLSLEY WEST

Electorate 68,678
% vote
Waller, G P A (Con) 21,370 42.6

LANCASHIRE WEST

Electorate 68,004
% vote
Jones, N (SDP/All) 14,042 29.0

LEICESTER EAST

Electorate 67,071
% vote
Ashby, D (Con) 24,760 44.6

LEOMINSTER

Electorate 66,286
% vote
Temple-Morris, P (Con) 29,276 57.0

LITTLEBOURGH AND SADDLEWORTH

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VAUXHALL Electorate 6,567 % vote ... Mr Stuart Holland, political economist and university lecturer, was chairman of the Public Enterprise Group, 1973-75; economist assistant, Cabinet Office, 1966-67, and personal assistant to the Prime Minister, 1967-68. Elected in 1979. B Mar 25, 1940; ed Christ's Hospital, University of Bristol, Balliol College, Oxford, and St Antony's College, Oxford. Special adviser, Commons Expenditure Committee, 1971-72; consultant, economic and social affairs committee, Council of Europe, 1973; Ministry of Overseas Development, 1974-75; OECD Secretary, University, 1977-82, ASTMS.

WANSBECK Electorate 63,398 % vote ... Mr Jack Aspinwall, a director of a family business of retail shops, represented Kingswood, 1979-83; contested it in February and October 1974. B Feb 1933; ed Prescott Grammar School, Booterley, and Marconi College, Chelmsford, Member Avon County Council and Kingswood District Council.

WARWICK & LEAMINGTON Electorate 70,858 % vote ... Mr Christopher Murray gained seat for Conservatives in 1979. Member Select Committee on Statutory Instruments since 1979. Contested Tower Hamlets, Bethnal Green and Bow, in February and October, 1974. Advertising and marketing consultant B April 20, 1947; ed Devonport High School and Queen's College, Oxford. Former president, Oxford University Conservative Association, former member, executive committee of the Federation of Conservative Students and National Association of Conservative Graduates. Vice-chairman, Conservative backbench arts and heritage committee, since 1982; and vice-chairman, Conservative urban and new towns committee since 1981.

WELWYN HATFIELD Electorate 72,644 % vote ... Mr Peter Hardy, elected for Rother Valley in 1970, was a teacher. Member, UK delegation to the Council of Europe, October, 1975. B Jul 1931; ed Wash upon Deane Grammar School, Westminster College, London, Sheffield University, 1966-70. Chairman, PLP group, since 1974. Vice-chairman, PLP environment group and all party union group since 1979; contested Caerwyn, February, 1974, and Watford, October, 1974. Former executive member, Hemel Hempstead Conservative Association, B Feb 28, 1941; ed Langenheath Primary School and King's School, Canterbury. Secretary, Conservative backbench constitutional committee until 1982, ASTMS.

WESTMORLAND & LONSDALE Electorate 67,161 % vote ... Mr Michael Joggins has been Parliamentary Secretary for the Treasury and Government Chief Whip since 1979. An Opposition spokesman on agriculture 1974-79. Elected in 1964; contested Wakefield, 1959. Farmer and member of Lloyd's, B Dec 10, 1930; ed Cheltenham College, Durham College, Durham University. Former member, select committees on science and technology and on agriculture. Member, NFU national council, 1962-64; Thirsk RDC, 1958-64. Joint secretary, Conservative agriculture committee, 1966-70, FPS, Minister of Agriculture, 1970-71.

WIRRAL, SOUTH Electorate 60,654 % vote ... Mr Barry Porter represented Bebington and Ellesmere Port, 1978-83; contested Chorley, October, 1974, and Newton, February, 1974, and Liverpool, Scotland Exchange, April 1971. Solicitor and company director. Jun 11, 1939; ed Birkenhead School and University College, Oxford, Member, Wirral Borough Council, 1976-77. Secretary, backbench leisure industries committee and all-party tourism committee; member, Commons transport select committee.

WOLVERHAMPTON SOUTH Electorate 68,847 % vote ... Mr Nicholas Badgen, a barrister and farmer, was elected in February, 1974, contested Birmingham, Small Heath, 1970. Government whip, 1981-82. Member, Public Accounts Committee, 1980-81; Secretary, Conservative Finance Committee, 1979. B Nov 3, 1937; ed St Edward's School, Oxford and Corpus Christi College, Cambridge. Chairman, Birmingham Bow Group, 1967-68.

WORSLEY Electorate 71,987 % vote ... Mr Terence Lawin is deputy leader of Bolton Borough Council, education officer. A personal contact, District councillor, 1971-74, Age 47, ASTMS.

WORTHING Electorate 75,772 % vote ... Mr Terence Higgins, an economist, was a member of the Select Committee on Treasury and Civil Service, 1978-79, and a spokesman on trade, 1974-76, and a spokesman on Treasury and economic affairs during 1974. Financial Secretary to the Treasury, 1978-79, and Minister of State, Treasury, 1970-72. Elected 1964. B Jan 18, 1928; ed Alleyn's School, Dulwich, Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, and Yale. Opposition spokesman on Treasury and economic affairs, 1966-70. Director, Warne, Wright and Rowland Group and Lex Service Group. Former Olympic and Commonwealth Games athlete. Chairman, Cassell Group, 1968-71. Sports and recreation committee, 1979, and of backbench transport committee, 1979-82. Member, executive, 1922 Committee, 1980-82.





